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THE BATTALION, 9TH INFANTRY (MANCHU)
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21 February 1967

SUBJECT: Combat Operations After-Action Report (RCS: MACV J3-32)

TO: Commanding Officer
1st Bde 25th Inf Div
APO San Francisco 96225

1. Name and Type of Operation: FAIRFAX - Pacification.
2. Dates of Operation: 7 Nov 66 - 31 Jan 67.
3. Location: BINH CHANH Dist, GI. DINH Prov - Bn Hqs at BINH CHANH.
4. Control Headquarters: Hq 4th Bn 9th Inf in coordination with BINH CHANH Dist Chief.
5. Reporting Officer: LTC Robert A. Hyatt, CO 4th Bn, 9th Inf (MANCHU)
6. Task Organization:
 - A. US Forces
 - 4th Bn 9th Inf (MANCHU)
 - A Btry 7-11 Arty Bn (Period 10 Dec 66 thru 31 Jan 67)
 - B Btry 7-11 Arty Bn (Period 7 Nov 66 thru 10 Dec 66)
 - C Btry 7-11 Arty Bn (Period 6 Jan 67 thru 12 Jan 67)
 - One Plat Co A 65th Engr Bn.
 - VHF Team, 125th Signal Bn
 - Scout Dog Team, 38th Scout Dog Plat
 - Elements 1st ID, 25th Inf Div
 - RRU Team, 372nd RRU Co
 - Water Purification Team 65th Engr Bn
 - TT equip, 125th Signal Bn
 - Elements of 25th MP Co
 - Elements of B Btry 5th Bn 2nd Arty (Automatic Wpns Bn)
 - Co B 3rd Bn 7th Inf (28 Jan - 31 Jan 67)
 - B. Vietnamese Forces
 - In US:
 - National Police (Prov)
 - FW Interrogation (Prov)
 - ARVN Arty (2 Tubes 105 How Loc BINH CHANH Dist Hq)
 - C. Periodically in US:
 - Elements 3rd Abn Bn (ARVN)
 - Elements 46th Inf (ARVN)
 - IT (Dist)
 - PT (Dist)
 - 39th PSYWAR Bn (ARVN)

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7. Supporting Forces

US Army Aviation
USAF (Close Air Support)
ARVN Army
PF Boct Plt (RG)
Vietnam Information Service (VIS)
Joint US Public Affairs Office (JUSPAO)

8. Intelligence

A. Background Info:

(1) In early 1963 the VC began a determined effort to control BINH CHANH Dist. The VC were more active there in 1966 than in any other dist of GIA DINH Prov. This was attributed to a lack of friendly forces. Incidents included assassinations, overrunning of outposts, and the destruction of rds and brgs. VC objectives in BINH CHANH included destruction of the BINH DINH BRG (XS751830) and the launching of an attack on BINH SON HAT AFB and portions of Saigon from BINH CHANH.

(2) Order of battle (OB): VC forces consisted of main force units and guerrilla forces. Those normally operating in the dist included two main force bns, two guerrilla bns, 16 guerrilla sqds, and 1000 known VC or VC sympathizers. Units and locations were as follows:

- a. 6th Bn 1st Regt with 300 personnel, included 3 inf co's and 1 weapons co. It usually operated SW of hwy 4 and was reported as being out of eff.
- b. 6th Bn, 1st Regt with 300 personnel, included 3 inf co's and 1 weapons co. The 6th Bn base was at XS 289.
- c. 1st PICO Support Bn with 300 personnel in Saigon staged from the pineapple fields. It travels primarily on hwy 4 and it was last reported at XS8991.
- d. 315th Local Force Co with a strength of 120 men which operated in LUNG NG Prov but supported attacks against BINH CHANH outposts.
- e. 31st Local Force Co with 120 men which normally operated in the RANG SAT area.
- f. Little known force of two pl's which operate in the dist. Each of the 16 villages was one VC sqd.

(3) VC Tactics

- a. VC did not attack larger force unless success is assured. Higher if very favorable conditions exist or if forced to do so.
- b. VC use surprise attacks. If forced to do so.
- c. General rule: utilize the full strength of force.
 - (1) 1000 - 2000: attack
 - (2) 2000 - 3000: attack
 - (3) 3000 - 4000: attack
- d. Generally, VC activities increased during wet season.
- e. VC did not attempt to destroy at low structural level.

(4) Intel system: In an a-2, a-3, a-4, a-5, a-6, a-7, a-8, a-9, a-10, a-11, a-12, a-13, a-14, a-15, a-16, a-17, a-18, a-19, a-20, a-21, a-22, a-23, a-24, a-25, a-26, a-27, a-28, a-29, a-30, a-31, a-32, a-33, a-34, a-35, a-36, a-37, a-38, a-39, a-40, a-41, a-42, a-43, a-44, a-45, a-46, a-47, a-48, a-49, a-50, a-51, a-52, a-53, a-54, a-55, a-56, a-57, a-58, a-59, a-60, a-61, a-62, a-63, a-64, a-65, a-66, a-67, a-68, a-69, a-70, a-71, a-72, a-73, a-74, a-75, a-76, a-77, a-78, a-79, a-80, a-81, a-82, a-83, a-84, a-85, a-86, a-87, a-88, a-89, a-90, a-91, a-92, a-93, a-94, a-95, a-96, a-97, a-98, a-99, a-100, a-101, a-102, a-103, a-104, a-105, a-106, a-107, a-108, a-109, a-110, a-111, a-112, a-113, a-114, a-115, a-116, a-117, a-118, a-119, a-120, a-121, a-122, a-123, a-124, a-125, a-126, a-127, a-128, a-129, a-130, a-131, a-132, a-133, a-134, a-135, a-136, a-137, a-138, a-139, a-140, a-141, a-142, a-143, a-144, a-145, a-146, a-147, a-148, a-149, a-150, a-151, a-152, a-153, a-154, a-155, 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5 with local officials and with U.S. advisory pers. Coordination with the Dist Chief, US advisors, sector and sub-sector S-2, CID CI reps, 1st Lt, 25th Inf Div liaison officer at Prov Hq and S-2 4th Bn 23rd Inf at BEN LUC, the adjoining dist, provided a fairly reliable picture of BTH CMNH VC history. But it did not provide the commander with a hard target.

C. Organization of the Intel System:

(1) District S-2, police chief, and MSS were requested to establish agent networks throughout the dist. Agents were classified, given a cover number and were paid for valid info.

(2) A joint U.S./Natl Police interrogation center was established at the outset in the dist compound. The capabilities of this center were limited and provided inadequate support. Hq, CID provided a complete interrogation center staffed by MSS and Natl Police and a senior U.S. advisor. The center was capable of quickly processing the large mass of detainees apprehended during cordon and search ops. Direction of the center was by an ARVN officer who was directly responsible to the Dist Chief. Supervision of the combined center was the joint responsibility of the S-2 of dist, 3rd Abn Bn (ARVN) and 4-9th Inf. U.S. 25th Inf Div and ARVN 25th Div M.I. personnel assisted in interrogation and CB activities and classification. While little resulted during the eight week period an unquestionable need for an interrogation center was demonstrated.

(3) Info was channeled into a combined intel collection center and was correlated with info provided by all contributing agencies. The correlated info was disseminated at Area Security Coordination Center briefings.

D. Intel Sources:

(1) 4-9th Inf: The Bn S-2 sec with an attached MI team was organized to insure a steady flow of intel to support ops. The comprehensive files proved to be helpful in planning ops, particularly during the week-ends when dist and ARVN S-2 were not available.

(2) 1st Bn:

a. Provided intel data primarily thru daily SPHINX report. Coordinated photo requests, SLAR, RMU, Firefly, VR, Radhaze and F.C coverage provided it to LOG 41 and CIA DIRM Prov Hqs.

b. Problems encountered: Departure of 2/14 Inf from BEN LUC curtailed intel collection efforts within the eastern portion of BEN LUC Dist. The close proximity to the ARVN base made enemy movement and possible contact with nearby a threat.

(3) Adjacent Hq:

a. 14th Regt (ARVN) senior advisor rapidly relayed info.
b. 50th Regt (ARVN) senior advisor coordinated with all Vietnamese forces in LOG 41 Province and rapidly relayed info.

(4) 3rd Abn Bn (ARVN) coordinated with 4-9th Inf daily at ASCC meetings but contributed very little to the intel effort since no internal intel system was established. Reluctant to react to enemy info provided by combined intel center.

(5) Dist officials relied primarily on higher Hq for enemy info. Dist maintained no intel files but established a network of eight fairly reliable agents. Reluctant or unable to increase agent network. Extremely beneficial in providing terrain, minefield, barrier and historic info.

(6) Natl Police maintained agent network of 6 unreliable agents. Primarily concerned with civil problems. Fail to inspect contents of truck sampans, and containers that have previously passed through checkpoints with contention that only strange vehicles are used by VC.

(7) Chieu Hoi: A lot of Chieu Hoi rallying was trapped during ops. Chieu Hoi's not exploited at dist level. No functional Chieu Hoi Chief at Dist Hq. No emphasis or strong support by Dist officials toward this program.

(8) Local Civilians: After 45 days of ops in the area local civilians began volunteering info concerning VC activity. Encouragement, assistance and in some cases payment for info resulted in increasing numbers.

E. Conclusions drawn from ops:

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(1) Main force and guerrilla units engaged have employed a full range of weaponry from small arms to anti-tank weapons, light to heavy guns of various calibers, rocket and grenade launchers, and all mortars in their arsenal except the 120mm.

(2) The majority of weapons encountered were auto or semi-auto in nature. Mortars and recoilless rifles were rarely encountered in U.S. initiated actions. On the contrary, VC initiated attacks were always supported by one or both of this type weapon.

(3) When engaged, the VC suffered no ammo shortage. They are capable of delivering a continuous volume of fire from all weapons systems

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(4) VC small arms fire, although generally intense, is usually inaccurate. Significant casualties were sustained only when the US force was bunched up as on 12.

(5) VC crew-served weapons gunners are well trained: their fire is normally disciplined and effective. Mortar gunners are particularly accurate. Machine gunners are generally on target with initial bursts.

(6) The VC stand and fight only when they have planned for an engagement or when their routes of withdrawal have been cut. When caught by surprise, the VC fight successive delaying actions, and fragment into smaller units as they withdraw.

(7) During most engagements VC positions were well planned and strongly fortified. Protection from air and sea was normally provided. Extensive fortifications have been encountered throughout the AO.

(8) In pre-1968 ops, the VC usually employ a reserve to prevent encirclement and to secure the route of withdrawal. Routes of withdrawal are direct routes and when possible, trails or roads. Elements of the VC reserve sometimes serve as litter and ammo bearers and are generally accompanied by forced laborers.

(9) VC employment of troops and weapons has been tactically sound. Their efforts have been the result of superior mobility and firepower, particularly in air and air support, and their inability to adapt rapidly to unexpected situations.

(10) The VC have employed children as scouts during movement through known US positions. On one occasion an 8-year-old girl was positioned approximately 100 meters forward of the armed VC.

(11) The VC make extensive use of the foundations of destroyed houses. These provide the needed "high ground" for foxholes. Low life brick walls are also extensively used as a line of defense.

(12) 60 and 81 mm mortar attacks have generally been launched from a range of 1000-2000 meters.

(13) The guerrilla force normally employs in close booby traps for its base camp and around its main force. The VC main force unit does not booby trap or use its base camp but depends on the guerrilla for early warning.

(14) The principal fields in the AO portion of BINH DUONG are easily traversed by foot troops during the month of FEB. Canals can be crossed at night. The banks of the canals are firm and except for mud are not slippery, and does not impede foot movement. The area is not suitable for tracked vehicles. Canals are wide and banks are obstacles.

(15) Fortifications in the principal fields are extensive, well camouflaged and well constructed. Some bunkers are reinforced concrete; the majority are constructed of mud. Sizes vary from two to five men. Walls and roofs are generally three feet thick. Bunkers are usually supporting a heavy mortar can be detected at ranges exceeding 15 meters. Bunkers come in 2 types, one toward the open fields and the other directly into the field.

(16) Ammo storage was 1.55 gal drums 15 meters from canal bank, drum was buried and covered with palm leaves.

(17) The 6th Bn, 165th Regt had no food supply shortage. Their hospital was stocked with food, surgical tools and medicines. Medicine was abundant in the area.

(18) The 6th Bn had no food shortage. Stocks of canned milk, tea, and instant coffee and more food supplies were captured.

(19) The 6th Bn reportedly is armed with Russian AK-50 assault rifles. This type is doubtful if that no arms for this type weapon was not seen or stored. It is more likely to be the AK-47.

(20) The 6th Bn is armed with 82mm mortars. Ignition cartridges for this mortar were captured.

(21) The 6th Bn apparently has US M-79 Grenade launchers. Several rounds of 40mm ammo were captured.

9. Mission

A. Establish AO at BINH DUONG to:

- (1) Develop ops based on intel.
- (2) Assist GVN in population and resource control.
- (3) Plan combined VC/AR ops.
- (4) Plan and assistance of US/AR.
- (5) Plan and support of Viet revolutionary development.

B. Conduct limited ops staged from AO and BINH DUONG dist during period 7-30 OCT.

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U. Establish and occupy an forward base at BINH CHANH INT 1 DEC 66.
D. Interdict VC lines

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10. Concept of Op-

Phase I Preparation (7-30 Nov)

This phase began on 7 NOV with the establishment of the Area Security Coordination Center (ASCC) at BINH CHANH by the 4th MACHU S2, the District Chief and selected signal and intelligence personnel from 1st Ase and 25th Div elements. Representatives from the 3d Airborne Bn (AV) are expected to join the ASCC on 1 DEC. During this period the 4th MACHU has conducted company size operations which were marshalled from the CU CHI base camp. Utilizing both wheeled vehicles and helicopters for movement, search, checkmate and MEDCAP operations have been conducted in O I & II on the average of three operations per week. They have been designed to let US/ARVN presence be known and to familiarize US personnel with the area of operation. During the week prior to deployment of the battalion, company sized units supported by artillery will move to BINH CHANH, assist in preparation of the base during daylight hours and during the night conduct platoon size ambush patrols in O I & II.

Phase II Movement Phase (30 Nov-3 Dec)

1. On 30 NOV Co C will initiate deployment of the battalion to BINH CHANH. During the day they will assist in base camp construction and preparation. Two platoon size night ambushes will be conducted during the hours of darkness in O II.

2. On 1 DEC Bn HQ elements and Co A will move to BINH CHANH to establish the 4th MACHU CP (Fwd). Co B and Co C will conduct search and destroy operations saturation patrols, and night ambushes along the road leading southeast of BINH CHANH, to interdict VC movement in this area. Co C's, Bn elements, reaction forces, and fire support will remain in the base camp at night. Also on 1 DEC the 3d Airborne Battalion will move to the area and commence operations in AO II. The Bn commander or his representative will join the ASCC at this time and planning will commence for a united effort.

3. On 2 DEC, all Bn elements will move to secure the road from AS73381 to AS761735. The secure, maximum effort from the local population will be made to repair the road. This effort will be supervised by the District Chief, National Police, SFC S Team, F/P forces and all other Vietnamese resources available to the District Chief. Equipment and technical supervision will be provided by the engineer platoon. Ambushes will be conducted by both B and C companies, with a two platoon reaction force on standby in the BINH CHANH base camp. Co C's, Bn elements, reaction forces, and 81mm mortar sections will remain in the BINH CHANH base camp during hours of darkness.

4. On 4 DEC, or as soon as the road is repaired, Co C, assisted by Co B, will establish a semi-permanent base camp via AS761785 at the site of the overrun PF outpost. This base camp will be so constructed that it may be turned over to F forces as permanent PF outposts upon completion. Base camp material will be moved to the site by truck with escort provided by the Recon platoon. Engineers will survey and begin construction of a new bridge at this point to open the road leading east. The stream will be temporarily spanned with an AISC to allow heavy equipment to continue with the road work. Both companies will conduct saturation patrols in the daylight hours and ambush patrols at night to provide security. It is expected that at the end of this period, (approximately 10 DEC) Co A and the remainder of Bn HQ elements will move from CU CHI to the BINH CHANH base camp. When this occurs, the cycle will be repeated further east with Co B establishing a semi-permanent base camp via AS731775 at the site of the second overrun outpost. These outposts will be utilized initially as bases for B and C companies and Co A will operate out of the BINH CHANH base camp. It is expected that these outposts will be of a size to accommodate a Co CP, one rifle platoon and the 81 mortar section. The remainder of the company will be outside the base camp conducting operations.

Phase III Operations Phase (9 Dec-10 Feb)

1. Once established in their company bases the units will initiate a vigorous program of saturation patrolling, night ambushes, and checkmate conducted in ever widening circles around their bases. Civic actions and SFC S to include LAC S and US ID projects designed to win

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support of the population will be conducted during this phase. JUSRO surveys will be conducted to determine the effect of operations. All operations will be coordinated through the SOB so that there is a joint effort. It is expected that US platoons will operate with 3d Airborne (ARVN) companies and that ARVN platoons will operate with US companies. Ambushes and patrols will be coordinated at a daily briefing.

2. As control of the population and area increases, secure areas will be opened up for exploitation by the Revolutionary Development Cadre. Overrun outposts and other areas will be rebuilt and secured by US/ARVN personnel. As control and security increases, US personnel will be withdrawn and ARVN personnel will assume security responsibilities for the rebuilt outposts. Also during this phase, roads will be rebuilt and repaired to provide access to remote areas for conduct of combat operations against the VC and for conduct of normal business for the Vietnamese nationals. It is anticipated in this phase that the reliability of combat intelligence will have improved to such a degree as to expedite combat operations against the VC. Operations will be extended to AO III, IV and V, particularly when intelligence reveals a lucrative target.

3. In the final period (3-4 months) of the operations phase, responsibilities for planning and conduct of operations will be gradually decreased and US units phased out.

11. Excursions: Excursions are listed below in chronological order. In addition to the daily ones discussed in this para, certain routine or SOP actions were employed regularly. These actions are discussed initially to provide clarity to the daily ones.

- Single vehicles traveling Hwy 4 and other routes had been ambushed. Two or more vehicles with escort "shotguns" were never previously ambushed. All vehicles by this unit was by two or more vehicles. Except on rare occasions, one vehicle was a recon gun jeep. "Shotguns" were used on all vehicles. "Assengers" and shotguns were carried up at ready position at all times. Nearly 400 reconnaissance missions were conducted without incident.

- IER to find bases traversed 6000 meters of road through VC controlled area. Mines, claymores, booby-traps and numerous cuts had previously precluded use of road. Daily out on irregular times, the entire IER was cleared using mine sweepers. This resulted in no loss of personnel or equipment throughout the operation. Thorough search of 300-400 meter strip along both sides of the road was conducted at 10 day-2 week intervals.

- Before arrival of US forces the VC regularly mortared the Dist compound from a range of 1800-2000 meters. Heavily ambushed platoons employed at or beyond this range. On 3 occasions the VC attempted to replace mortars within range of Dist HQ and were engaged by artillery. Having been denied the use of "surveyed" firing positions, the VC were not able to launch a successful attack.

- Numerous of platoons were employed. Captured documents indicated VC use of recon element to determine US pattern for subsequent VC ambush. Ambushes and recon try times and routes were always varied. Areas of activity were avoided. Displacement was by foot, vehicle and helicopter on an irregular schedule. No US platoons were ambushed.

- Companies conducted a daily sweep of 1000 meters radius around their forward bases to check for mines, booby-traps and other VC activity.

7 Nov 66

(1) Concept: 4th and 9th Inf initiates operation in BINH CHANH Dist, GDA BINH Prov.

(2) Operations: The B. 32 with selected signal and intelligence personnel from 1st Bde and 25th Div moved by vehicle to BINH CHANH where a combined operations center was established.

8 Nov 66

(1) Concept: Co A conducts an assault into 2 LZs via XS698811 and XS707813, conducts search S in zone.

(2) Operations:

a. Co A reinforced at CU CHI and completed a helicopter landing on 2 LZs via XS698811, at 0630. The Co searched in zone on the E and W side of R C C C C tributary without contact. 33 male detainees were apprehended and 18 were subsequently turned over to Dist Hqs. One detainee was classified as VC. The Co moved S to the RJ of Rt 231 and Hwy 4. Loaded on vehicle and returned to CU CHI at 1300.

b. Bn (-) continued base operations.

c. Fire support was provided by C/7-11 at BINH DUC, however no rounds were fired.

d. 25th Avn B Prov one C and C aircraft.

9 Nov 66

(1) Concept: Co B moves by convoy from CU CHI to BINH CHANH,

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conducts a search of BINH CHANH hamlets.

(1) Concept:

a. Co J arrived at BINH CHANH by convoy with an escort at 0920, and moved towards the obj via XS739781. The obj was reached without contact and the hamlet, after being sealed, was thoroughly searched. The 1st team and intell and assisted with search and interrogation. 40 males and 1 female were apprehended and sent to Dist Hqs for further questioning. 240 lbs of med supplies, 22,500 RVI piasters and 20 lbs of documents were seized.

b. The Bn (-) continued base ops.

c. HHC prov admin/log spt.

d. 25th Avn Bn prov one C and C acft.

(3) Civil Affairs: The PSI and team from BINH CHANH announced American presence with leaflets. A coordination meeting with JUSC and USID Prov representatives, pertaining to 4-9 act, was held at Dist Hq. JUSC will introduce a survey to determine pop attitudes towards American presence. Projected are short term civic action projects, within the capability, which would be favorable to the people. USID assured spt of all civic action projects within their capability. Coord for a LDC P. on 11/10/66 was held at HHC BINH XS740782.

P. 16 Nov 66

(1) Concept: Co. conducts an asslt at XS753782, conducts search of obj via XS782815 and XS781818.

(2) Operations:

a. The lead element of Co. was airlifted from CU CHI at 0735 and the last element landed at 0815. A contact was made during the asslt. One booby trapped green was found and destroyed. 12 detainees were apprehended and referred to BINH CHANH for further questioning. The unit completed the search by 1100 but waited on the LZ at XS780910 until acft became available. The extraction was made without incident and the unit closed CU CHI at 1355.

b. Bn (-) continued base ops.

c. HHC continued to prov admin/log spt.

d. 116th Avn Bn S2 reported that two Chin Hoi from BINH CHANH Dist hqs rallied and are at T. H.

P. 16 Nov 66

(1) Concept: Co 3 moves by veh at 0630 to dismount T at XS687766; conducts search of obj at XS694763, obj B at XS705755, obj C at XS708764, and obj D at XS706775. RF/FF estb blocking pos at XS720768. All elements conduct LDC via BINH CHANH. Extraction to CU CHI by veh on order. C/7-11 Arty prov spt from vic RE LDC.

(2) Operations:

a. Co 3 commenced move at 0630 to dismount T at XS687766. On arrival the unit commenced search of obj, RF/FF estb blocking pos at XS712769. At 0915, obj Alpha was reached and 1 detainee was apprehended. The detainee indicated that there was a suspected VC factory at XS700766. At obj Bravo Co 3 received AW fire from XS705750. Fire was returned with 81 mm mortar. Suspected enemy firing pos was searched without results. There were no friendly casualties. While no factory was found, the search revealed assorted manuals to include US Army pamphlets on personnel affairs, an Army Digest, an FM on the M-14 rifle, and a Vietnamese communications manual. The unit proceeded to obj Delta without contact. A total of 9 detainees were apprehended and the unit moved from the open area to the pick up T where it entrucked at 1500. The detainees were released to Dist Hqs. The unit commenced moving to CU CHI at 1535 and closed at 1655.

b. L. (-) continued base ops.

c. HHC continued to prov admin/log spt. The T plat prov round trip convey escort for Co B.

d. 116th Avn Bn Co prov a C and C acft. A 25th Avn Bn OH-1D flew 1 resupply sortie to BINH CHANH.

(3) Civil Affairs: The Bn surgeon conducted a RDCAP via BINH CHANH in conjunction with the Co B op.

P. 16 Nov 66

(1) Concept: Co C moves by convey at 0630, to a dismount pt at XS751826; links up with a plat of RF/FF; searches obj A at XS755816, obj B at XS753310, obj C at XS746805, obj X at XS758825, obj Y at XS745824, and obj Z at XS768818; returns to CU CHI on order by convey. AT plat prov convey security.

(2) Operations:

a. Co C moved 0630 by vehicle to a dismount T via XS751826. At 0815 the unit commenced search of obj A. The plat from Co

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Co with RF/T force and search of obj. simultaneously. Co C completed search of obj at 1340 without contact. 25 detainees were released to dist officials for further interrogation. Co C evacuated 0.1 mi due to a serious insect bite.

b. Co (-) conducted base activities.

c. HHC continued admin/log spt. The T plat provided round trip escort for Co C.

d. 116th Bn Co prov a C and C left. This left evacuated the insect bite casualty to Co C and flew a sortie of resupply.

G. 21 Nov 66

(1) Concept: Co A moves by convoy from CU CHI to BINH CHANH, links up with RF/T plat, conducts search of obj at 43741813, obj 2 at 43741816, and obj 3 at 43746818. On completion of search, unit returns to CU CHI by convoy.

(2) Co A arrived BINH CHANH at 1009. The RF plat joined the unit at the dismount point and a search of the objectives began at 1049. The unit received several rds of 7.62 fire from objective 2. Fire was returned and the enemy fire ceased. 3 detainees were apprehended. The unit released the 3 detainees to Dist officials, and returned to CU CHI at 1526.

b. Co (-) continued base ops.

c. HHC provided admin/log spt. The RF plat provided round trip security for Co A.

H. 22 Nov 66

(1) Concept: Co A moves rifle plat by convoy to BINH CHANH, conducts search, returns to CU CHI.

(2) Operations:

a. Co A, acting on info obtained from a VC captured on 21 Nov, moved a rifle plat and 81 mortar sect to BINH CHANH to conduct a search for a weapons and ammo cache. Unit arrived at 1035, established a fire spt base and departed with the prisoner for the tgt area vic XS735867. Search was made with no results. The unit apprehended 3 detainees which were released to Dist officials, and returned to CU CHI, closing at 1430.

b. Co (-) continued normal ops.

c. HHC continued admin/log spt.

I. 24 Nov 66

Work details from the B traveled to BINH CHANH by veh on both of these days to initiate fuel base const. Details returned to CU CHI each night.

J. 26 Nov 66

(1) Concept: Co A moves mortar to BINH CHANH, continues base const, estb fire spt base and reaction force with the BINH CHANH plat compound, employs two platoons: pti.

(2) Operations:

a. Co A, with escort prov by the RF Plat, moved 0440 to BINH CHANH. During the day the unit continued base devel and made preparations for ambush ptls. Plat ambush ptls were employed at 43703799 and XS708808, with a react force and fire spt base inside the Dist est base. Ptl departed at 1900 and were in pan at 2330.

b. Co (-) continued normal base ops.

c. HHC continued admin/log spt.

d. The 25th Bn provided C & C.

K. 27 Nov 66

(1) Concept: Co A continues ambush at CU CHI BINH, returns to CU CHI. Co (-) prepares for ret to BINH CHANH on 1 Dec.

(2) Operations:

a. At 0230 the Co plat loc vic 43703799 engaged 6 VC resulting in 2 VC KIA (BC). Three wms were captured, as a portion of the pti swept the kill zone they received 3 or 4 rds of fire. The pti did not move into the area again until first light. As the pti approached the area from which fire was received, 2 VC who were hiding surrendered to them. One VC had a rifle in his possession and the other had a Chico hand grenade. A heavy blood trail was also found however the surrounding area was searched with no results. Results of the engagement were 2 VC KIA (BC), 2 VC KIA (RSS), 2 VC captured, and 3 wms captured. Pti returned to CU CHI with the remainder of Co A closing 1240.

b. Co (-) conducted normal base activities and made preparations for ret on 1 Dec.

c. HHC continued admin/log spt. The RF plat provided round trip security for the convoy.

d. The 25th Bn provided C & C.

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L. 28 Nov 66

(1) Concept: Co B moves to BINH CHANH, continues const of the base, with fire spt base and employs ambush ppls.

(2) Operations:

a. Co B moved 0630 enroute to BINH CHANH closing 0900. Co continued const of the fire base and made preparations for the night ambushes. Platoon ambush ppls were employed at AS721806 and AS732802. Ppls departed at 1930 and were in position by 2300.

b. Bn (-) continues normal base ops and preparation for move on 1 Dec.

c. HHC continued to prov admin/log spt. The AT Platoon prov round trip security for the convoy.

d. The 25th Avn Bn furnished one C & C a/c.

(3) Civil Affairs: None

M. 29 Nov 66

(1) Concept: Co B continues ambush ops, returns to CU CHI base.

(2) Operations:

a. Co B returned with no contact. One platoon apprehended 5 detainees who were released to the VC authorities for interrogation. Co B departed 0815 by convoy closing CU CHI at 1125.

b. Bn (-) continued preparation for move on 1 Dec.

c. HHC continued admin/log spt. The AT platoon furnished round trip security for the convoy.

d. The 25th Avn Bn prov C & C a/c.

N. 30 Nov 66

1. Concept: C Co moves 0630 to BINH CHANH, conducts ambush ppls, remains for duration of OPF. HHC. B Co, HHC (-), and attachments accompany to move on 1 Dec.

2. Operations:

a. C Co moved 0630 by veh closing BINH CHANH 0635. The unit commenced const of the fire base and preparation for night ambush. Platoon ambushes were employed via AS64157 and AS72810. Platoon departed 1930 and were in position at 0945.

b. Bn (-) remained at CU CHI base.

c. HHC continued admin/log spt. The AT platoon prov security for the convoy.

1. Concept: The Bn (-) moves 0700 by convoy to BINH CHANH and occupies fire base. Co remains at CU CHI base.

2. Operations:

a. Bn (-) with attachments moved 0700 to BINH CHANH. Platoon base organization and preparation of defensive positions continued throughout the day.

b. B Co employed platoon ambushes at AS707782 and AS716777.

c. C Co employed platoon ambushes at AS742793 and AS737789.

d. HHC continued admin/log spt. Recon and AT platoons prov convoy escort.

e. 25th Avn Bn prov C & C a/c.

1. Concept: C Co moves 0800, links up with platoon. Conducts ambush ppls moves to overrun of out post via AS762785, with fire base, conducts daylight saturation ppls and night ambush ops. C Co continues ambush ops from fire base. Recon platoon conducts road recon.

2. Operations:

a. C Co platoon at AS707782 returned at first light with no contact. Platoon at AS716777 heard SA fire from the north at 0630. Civilian stated 6 VC were to the south moving toward the platoon. Platoon remained in position for 2 hrs then moved S. SA fire was received via AS717773. Platoon returned fire and maneuvered the area. VC broke contact, however the platoon found expended cartridges. Platoon returned to base at 0930. Unit continued base defense.

b. C Co (-) moves 0815, links up with two platoons at 0945, commenced move to new fire base. Enroute, unit apprehended 16 detainees who were returned to fire base for interrogation. Sniper fire was received via AS7-3785. Armed helicopters were employed and snipers broke contact. Unit occupied overrun of out post and inflicted casualties of classes I, IV & V. Platoon ambush ppls were employed at AS759782 and AS762749. At 1930 hrs platoon at AS762789 engaged 5 VC wearing steel helmets. SA fire was exchanged, the platoon also received heavy fire from the north which was returned with SA sniper fire and mortar. It was evident that the platoon was between the main body and flank guard of an estimated 50-60 VC. The VC were completely

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routed by the passive fire power leaving behind 2 VC (BC), 3 wps and mine equip and documents. One from C Co was wounded and later died of wounds.

c. HHC continued admin/log spt. Recon plnt conducted route recon to X5720790-X5740760-X5682762 X5732882. 4 pl t prov convoy escort.

d. B 7/11 fired 7 W and 22 HL rds in spt.

e. 25th vln and 1st Bde vln prov:

H 23 - C & C

HU10 - 17 sorties resupply

3. Civil affairs

a. S5 coordinated with VES for announcement of US presence by newspaper. VES can see or limited SFO'S (2000 leaflets) & loudspeaker mens. JUSPAO furnished 400 American press posters.

b. Price list was estab and published. Barber shop and laundry were estab in the base. Dist Chief approved list of civic action projects.

c. JUSPAO survey team reports population neutral toward VC & CW. American presence is known with a particularly favorable or unfavorable opinion expressed.

d. 3 Dec 66

1. Concept: 4-9 continues night saturation. pl. Co C and HHC will continue work on the BLH CH. H base while Co C conducts daylight saturation. Co C (-) continues work on its fwd base.

2. Operations:

a. A Co conducted normal base camp activities at CH CHI.

b. B Co worked on the BLH CH. H base and prepared for Ptn ops. The unit employed night ambush plnt vic X5710795 and X5717799.

c. C Co continued const on its fwd base and conducted plnt night ambush plnt vic X5766787 and X5776778.

d. HHC recon conducted a route recon and a show of force from X5730790, X5815475, X5814222, X5815775, X5814222, X5815475 and X5712797. No contact resulted. T plnt prov security for resupply convoy which closed BLH CH at 0845. The remainder of HHC work on BLH CHAMH base.

e. 3/7-11 Arty engaged suspected VC Co bivouac area in conjunction with IV Arty. 95 HL rds were fired by US Arty. 20 HL rds fired by the ARVN Arty. Tet surveillance by F&C and ARVN FO was given as 5 C KIA, 3 S, 3 wounded, and 1 captured.

f. Left: The 25th vln and the 1st Bde vln prov left spt to the HHC. Resupply was left by the 147th Spt Assault Helicopter Co.

Resupply H-1D	10
Resupply CH-47	1
Medevac H-1D	1
Arty adj	1

3. Civil affairs: The S5 attended on S5 coordination at Prov. Means and resources available for SFO S were discussed and a 6 pt program developed. All resources for propaganda dissemination were furnished from Prov.

d. 4 Dec 66

1. Concept: Co conducts combined S and D ops with 3rd Abn in conjunction 0300. 3rd Abn Co, Co C and recon plnt circled and boarded by X5732224 and X5743834. Conduct search.

2. Operations:

a. Co departed CH CHI at 0700; arrived BLH CH at 1015. Concurrent with base const, 1 plnt conducted sweep from base to vic X5722791 and returned. Two detainees were apprehended.

b. Co departed 0330 on S & D mission in conjunction with 3rd Abn. Ate to dismount pt on Hwy 4 was secured by 4 RF and ambushes. After setting area, Co conducted search from X5759842 to X5736747. 49 rds and 14 file detainees were apprehended. Six were classified as VC. Co closed BLH CHAMH 1035, conducted base const and remainder of day. Unit employed night ambush plnt at X5722789 and X5729783.

c. Co conducted search ops from X5733832 and from X5755791. At 1023, unit established contact X5753787. At 1051, 3rd plnt began search vic X5755791. It cleared its return to base and continued const, prep for resupply and prep for night plnt.

d. HHC prov admin/log spt. Recon plnt secured in PZ for halibon S & D ops conducted by Co B. Remainder of HHC continued with base const.

e. B-7/11 Arty fired 2 W and 14 HL rds in spt.

f. Left: The 25th vln and 1st Bde vln prov left spt. Resupply was off by the 147th Spt Assault Helicopter Co.

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C & C

UH-1D

1 sortie

Resupply

UH-47

1 sortie

3. Civil affairs: 30,000 312-66 leaflets a/c dropped vic XS7279, XS7718, XS8275, and XS7210.

5 Dec 66

1. Co capt: Co B, w/special police. after co d cts search of Obj Victor vic XS715770; Conducts checkmate in conjunction with sety forec. Six natl police, 14 spec police and 2 PF sqs utilized in conjunction with US forces.

2. Operations:

a. Co A (-) departed base 0735 for unpr sety run vic XS738731. Recon, 3 nat'l police, six spec police and a PF sqd were attached. Checkmate was held in conjunction with security mission.

b. Co B departed base at 0611 for search of Obj Victor vic XS705790. An AR sqd, 3 nat'l police and 6 spec police were atch. One US WIA resulted from detonation of boobytrap. Six detainees were apprehended. Unit employed night ambush ptls at XS707799, a/c XS717788.

c. Co C conducted 4 daylight sqd searches at XS750790, XS750780, XS780790, and XS780770. The ptl dispatched to XS780770 spotted 3 VC moving at XS780768. VC were engaged by SF resulting in 2 VC KIA (PCSS). A plat sent as reaction force off link-up and searched the area. Search revealed a cache of med supplies consisting of tablets, bandages, cholera & plague vaccines. Bloody shorts with a bullet hole in the groin area were located. Unit rtd to base w/o further incident. Co employed plat ambush ptls at XS78775 and XS752789.

d. HHC prov admin/log spt. Recon atch to Co A. On detachment, recon conducted RECON. ET opn to BLMH D/L and AN LOC Brigs. Remainder of HHC continued base const.

C & C	UH-1D	1 sortie	Resupply	UH-1D	18 Sorties
C & C	H-23	1 sortie	Resupply	UH-47	7 Sorties

e. 3rd Abn provided 2 plats to secure the BLMH D/L Brig. The unit employed sqd night ambush ptls at XS725806 and XS737608.

3. Civil affairs: 100,000 no 153-66 leaflets were a/c dropped in the AO. MEDCAP at TAD QUI TTY treated 62 patients and dist 80 sanitation kits. Hl repaired from XS760785 to XS773777.

6 Dec 66

1. Concept: elements of A 4/9 and B 4/9 surround and search Area Whiskey, vic XS745715. 3rd Abn conducts search of Area Bravo, at XS840760 and prov 1 plat to reinf defences of BLMH D/L Brig. A Co moves to co base, vic XS810793, continues to prov sety for unpr road

work on C 4/9 MSR. A Co conducts night ambushes on KSA and assists in search of Area Whiskey. C Co continues daylight saturation ptls and night ambushes in AO Charlie B-7/11 prov fire spt for all ptls. The Recon Plat assists A Co in its blocking and security runs.

2. Operations:

a. Co A formed the blocking force for Co C sweep at 060700 Dec. The remainder of the day was spent in sety activities for unpr work from XS738781 to XS754787 and in prep for night ptl activities. The unit employed sqd night ambush ptls at XS738785, XS746792, and XS705739.

b. Co B moved out on a sweep, vic XS745765, at 060700 Dec. The search was completed at 060955 Dec. Co B brought in 52 detainees, of which 1 has been classified as a VC. In additic, 1 crossbow, 2 crystal radios, and several clay K-113 models were captured. Further, the father of a VC Company Commander was detained. Upon returning to BLMH D/L base the unit spent the remainder of the day in base const, prep for ptl activities, and prep for tomorrows opn.

c. Co C continued its run and at 1100 a sqd received SF fire frv XS784760. The fire was neutralized by SF fire. Survl of both areas revealed no trace of the sniper. Co C spent the remainder of the day in base const.

d. HHC Recon plat conducted 2 checkmates vic XS754787 and XS733780 from 060500 Dec until 061205 Dec in conjunction with A and C Co opns. The remainder of HHC spent the day in base const and spt activities.

e. Arty: C-7/11 arty fired 3 WP rds to register defenses for the 3rd Bn.

f. Acft: The 25th Av: Bn prov acft spt to 4/9. The 145th Spt Asslt Helicopter Co off daily resupply.

Troop Lift (Admin)	UH-1D	3 sorties	Resupply	UH-1D	3 sorties
C & C	UH-1D	1 sortie	Resupply	UH-47	1 sortie

3. Civil affairs: 30,000 246-102-67 leaflets were dropped in the area bounded by XS7397, XS8277, XS8282, and XS7279. New curfew hrs for BLMH CHAM Dist by abn loudspeaker. Combined distribution to

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all village has been established. VC who are spreading rumors that detainees are being returned to LHM CH. H for forced labor purposes. Special effort is being designed to counter this statement and will be printed by VIS using materials furnished by the US. A NACAP was conducted at BINH CHANH Emergency Hospital and 62 patients were treated. Fifty sanitation kits were also distributed to the RVN dependents. 500 mtrs of rd vic XS737787 was repaired by 1 A/65 Engr and local volunteer civ.

7 Dec 66

1. Concept: Co A will continue in its road sety ms returning to base in the afternoon. Co B will establish a co base, at XS810803, conduct night ambushes, and return the morning of 8 Dec. Co C will continue saturation ptl and co base const in AQ Charlie.

2. Operations:

a. Co A continued to prov sety for engr opns at XS745784. A plat from Co A departed at 070803 Dec on search msn at XS750795. The plat was reinforced with 1 SF sqd, 6 special police, and 3 mt police. The search terminated at 071034 Dec. The unit employed 3 sqd light ambush ptl at XS746754, XS753790, and XS724 798.

b. Co B departed 1230 for XS810796, the convoy moved to that vic without incident arriving at 1325. Preparations commenced immediately for the night ptl. The unit employed plat night ambush ptl at XS792807 and XS778801. At 2015 Co B received heavy SF fire: 4 rds of 57mm Rn fire. Fire was eff and 3 US KIA and 3 PF KIA resulted. Four rds of mort fire were also received but fire was ineff. VC casualties were unk. One plat ambush was recalled for fwd base security. A Bustoff for KIA was eff at 2041. A flare ship and a light fire tm were on sta over B-4/9. There was no further contact. Concurrent with B-4/9 action, a PF sqd patrol vic XS717780 stopped a claymore mine-grenade booby trap ambush. The unit had VC ambush results in 7 PF KIA and 4 PF KIA. Bustoff was eff for the casualties at 2100.

c. Co C continued daylight saturation ptl to clear the area from its sub base. It also worked on base const and prep for the night opns.

d. MG: Coord prov sety for Co B convoy as well as convey sety for the rt of engr vch to and from work area. Coord employed 1 sqd night ambush ptl on the night of 7 Dec vic XS714793. Ptl encountered VC force of unknown size vic XS715793. 1 triggered trap sh which caused mines and took VC under fire with SA. Survived the following morning revealed to VC KIA (30) or mtrs. The remainder of C continued with base const and activities.

e. B-7/11 arty continued work on base and VC gun ems. No mns fired.

f. The 25th vch prov efft spt for the m. Resupply was effd by the 147th Spt Asslt Helicopter Co.

CA C	UH-1D	1 sortie
YATHAC	UH-1D	2 sorties
Resupply	UH-1D	8 sorties
Resupply	CH-47	1 sortie

3. Civil Affairs:

8 Dec 66

1. Concept: Co A will move to H. Co B will move to H. 8 Dec and 9 Dec 66, will return to base vic XS722785, Co B will return to LHM CH. H and be prepared to move to vic XS732775 to set up a co base. Co C will continue ops in C Charlie and assist in base and outpost const.

2. Operations:

a. Co A employed 2 sqd b hind ptl at XS746784 and XS737790 on 7 Dec. Arrived to base camp ptl apprehended 3 VC males. The plat closed at 0740. These ptls were of plat strength. The plat sety for the LHM CH. H base. At 0830, Co A sent its 2nd plat to search for VC base at XS723783. The plat had no contact however, it detained 9 male Vietnamese and 2 female Vietnamese. The plat closed BINH CHANH base at 0850. The unit employed 2 sqd light ambush ptl at XS703739 and XS711795.

b. Co B: Co B sent a plat to check the area S of its base where the VC had been seen on the night of 7 Dec. The unit employed 1 plat ptl vic XS762793. The unit closed BINH CHANH 0930 by vch convey.

c. At 072047 Dec, Co C received 3 rds of 1.6 off sniper fire from the E. At 0637, Co C sent its 2nd plat to sweep of its base vicinity. This sweep was completed at 1300. The 2nd Div arrived at Co C loc at 1210. At 1336, a woman loc in element of Co C to her son's body. This raised the FC KIA to 3 for the Co C action that took place on 2 Dec.

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4/9 82 received a B-1 intel rating that Co C was to be attacked by elements of the 506th VC main force Bn. The attack was expected from AS764763. Co C reinforced its position. The unit employed 2 sqd night ambush pts at AS676783 and AS759779.

d. Recon prov so voy sety for the engr rd cir rse and for 1 Co extraction from its fwd base loc via AS810796. The Hqs Commandant received the last Div CC and the Bde CC during the day at the BTH Cha H base. The unit prov admin/log spt.

c. 3-4/9 arty continued work on US and ARVN gun ps s. 18 Hs and 4 ar rcs were fired in spt of 4/9.

f. The 25th Av. prov:

C & C	UH-1D	1 sortie
Resupply	UH-1D	3 sorties
Resupply	CH-47	1 sortie

3. Civil affairs: 10,000 246-042 leaflets were dropped over BINH CHANH Dist. A KADC-P was conducted at BINH DIEM village hqs AS752-829. Eighty two patients were treated of which 43 were RF dependents. The rd repair via AS737781 to AS760785 was completed. Road is now capable of handling veh up to and including 5 ton veh.

9 Dec 66

1. Concepts: Co A prov 1 plst for rd sety man and will become in reserve. Co B moves at 1800 surrehas obj. X at AS642793. Co C continues ant. rctn ptl and base cons. Night saturation ambush ptl conti ue

2. Operations:

a. Co A employed 2 sqd ptl at AS708789 and AS711795. A plst ptl estb ambush at AS735797. One sqd had sety man for engr plst which worked c. at 231. Sqd closed BINH CHANH by 1130. Co continued const of base area.

b. Co B employed a plst reaction force on the night of 8 Dec at AS738731 to strengthen Co C fwd base.

c. Co C employed 2 sqd ptls via AS676783 and AS759779.

d. HMC prov admin/log spt to the bn. Recon and IT plts prov convoy sety. Recon prov security for road cir by enars at 0630.

e. Arty: 3-7/11 arty fired 3 II, 3 III, and 3 Hs rcs spt of 4/9. Arty cont work on US/ARVN gun psns.

f. Left: 1st Bde and 25th Av Bn prov sft for 4/9

C & C	UH-23	1 sortie
C & C	UH-1D	1 sortie

3. Civil affairs: 50,000 safe conduct leaflets dropped by 3rd Abn Bn. Const of a brig started at XS 720785 by the engr plst. The following materiel was fur ished RF/P forces at BINH DIEM and L C bridge AS751831 and AS757858: 2 cases clay more mines, 10 bundles sawbags, 4 cases hand grenades, 30 rolls barbed wire and 40 rolls concertina.

10 Dec 66

1. Concepts: A Co conducts an assault at AS752794 at 1130. 32nd Co 3d Bn with 1 plst from B-4/9 will link up with Co and search in zone. Co will have attached an RF police bn and a P sqd. Co B will be the reaction force. Co C will occupy checkmate psns in conjunction with Co A opn.

2. Operations:

a. Co A employed 2 sqd ptls via AS705794 and AS717803. The 1st plst sighted several VC via AS699799 and they were engaged with mort and arty. 1st plst elected to wait until morning for survl of the area. The sqd ptl was destroyed via AS7117795 on 9 Dec. Returned to site and destroyed 8 grasshopper trees. Co A reloaded at AS745825 at 1115. The first flight landed on LZ 2 via AS75794 at 1125. The 2nd flight landed on LZ 1 and 3 AS73830 at 1142. At 1159 a sniper engaged B-4/9 personnel at AS777571. Arty was called in and a iper ceased firing. Co A linked up with 31st Co (+) and both elements searched in zone toward AS760769. Co A apprehended 17 detainees at AS 777797. A map of the TCM SO: HIRT, S: ICG: complex was found on 2 detainees.

b. B Co plst ptl employed 9 Dec. Linked up with engr plst via AS738781 at 0725. B Co had 1 plst OFCON of 3d Bn 31st Co. One sqd was attached to engr for security. B Co employed a plst ptl to AS737790.

c. C Co employed 3 sqd ambush ptl via AS757800, AS759776, and AS7767783. C Co occupied checkmate psns in conjunction with B-4/9 and 31st Co search at AS752793 and AS754792. The unit provided 8th fire spt for the opn and secured pick up veh via C Co base. At 1201 a VC was observed via AS769803. He was engaged but escaped. At 1220, C Co received a spot report indicating a suspected VC ambush at AS763772. The area was checked without result. At 1450, 4 US WIL resulted from a booby trapped grenade. Mustoff was off by 1443. C Co elements cleared base at 1700.

d. HMC prov admin/log spt to the Bn. Recon prov convoy

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escort for Co. A and secured the marshalling area for the helicopter phase of opn. The plat prov acct for argr road air msn. AT plat escorted daily convey from CUCHI to BINH CHANH. Plat closes CU CHI at 1330.
 e. Arty: 3 7/11 arty fired 1 RP and 10 HS in act of 4/9.
 f. Arty: The 68th Helicopter Asslt Co, 25th Avn Bn, and the 1st Bde prov acct spt.

Troop lift	UH-1D	16 sorties
Gunships	UH-1B	2 sorties
C & C	UH-1D	1 sortie
C & C	UH-1D	1 sortie
MSDEVAC	UH-1D	1 sortie
Resupply		1 sortie

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3. Civil Affairs:

at 0900, via XS763784, CO 4/9 and Dist Chief in BINH CHANH had a ribbon cutting ceremony to open brdg on Rt 231. Numerous local people attended and good will was evident between Dist Chief and populace. A contingent of RF/AF soldiers were present. The Dist Chief was flown to a helidrop at XS766785. 1200 - conducted at BINH CHANH Dist Hqs treated 11 patients. A coordination meeting on civil affairs was held at GYA BINH PROV Hqs, and consultation payments off to wounded RF from VC ambush of 8 Dec.

11 Dec 66

1. Concept: On 111400 Dec, Co A will conduct 4 eagle flights to XS702797, XS706791, XS782761, and XS769767. The 68th Helicopter Asslt Co will Prov lift acct and a C & C acct. Recon will be deployed against the 1st tgt. All 4 loc are pt tgts where VC elements are suspected to be operating.

2. Operations:

a. Co A marshalled bn strip at 1210 to conduct raid at XS782761. The Co(-) landed by 1305 and surrounded the obj. Co A(-) completed the search by 1345 and was extracted at 1400. It closed base camp at 1425. The opn produced no results. Co A employed 1 night ambush ptl at XS706798.

b. Co B employed 2 ptl at XS757773 and XS717777. Co B marshalled at the Bn strip at 1210 with 3 acct loads. A plat (-) moved on foot to obj XS717777. At 1150, acct took off and linked up with plat (-) which moved overland. The plat surrounded the obj and made a thorough search, utilizing a VC to aid the search tm. By 1400, Co B had apprehended 3 male VCs and engaged one Vietnamese male with SA who was observed escaping from the obj. The man was hit but he escaped although fresh blood was found. Co B terminated search at 1430 and returned to base. A stay behind ptl was left at XS717777. The plat closed base at 1535.

c. Co C continued with base const. A LRRP ptl was employed at XS796773. The LRRP mission was to report to 4/9 enemy activity in that area. At 1005, LRRP apprehended 1 male who happened on their psn. At 1030, the ptl ldr reported 1 VC with a wpn moving towards site from XS775787. At 1030 the ptl ldr reported that 5 armed VC were approaching hqs psn and he felt that his site was compromised. He called for immediate extraction. The patrol engaged VC with SA and then received heavy AW fire from the N. Arty was called and extraction was eff. Suppressive fire was prov by gunships. The extraction was eff by 1055 and the ptl arrived BINH CHANH at 1100. The detainee was brought back by the LRRP. Co C employed 2 ptl of the night of 11 Dec at XS757773 and XS767778.

d. Arty prov acct/lo, spt. At 1418 VC O'Connor visited the BINH CHANH base. He was received by the S3 and the Hqs Commandant. The AT plat prov convey escort. Recon marshalled 14 personnel to the Bn strip at 1210 in preparation for a combined foot mobile and helicopter raid on an obj via XS752773. The helicopter lift was planned by 1235 without incident and linked up with the plat (-). The obj was surrounded and searched without results. The plat returned to the marshalling area on foot at 1400. At 1400, the S2 ldr by radio for Co C to effect coordination of final ldr and for coordinating the trace of the S boundary.
 e. Arty: 3-7/11 arty fired 2 rds of 105 WP and 30 rds of 105 HS in spt of 4/9.

2. The 145th Asslt Helicopter Co, 25th Avn Bn, and the 1st Bde prov:
 Resupply UH-1D 6 Sorties
 Troop lift UH-1D 12 sorties
 Gunships UH-1B 4 sorties
 C & C UH-1D 1 sortie
 C & C H-23 1 sortie

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g. 3d Abn in pr v 2 plato to secure BHM DM: Brg and employed 2 sqd pti on the night of 11 Dec to AS723013 and AS724303. The Bn's advisor Capt Carroll made a coordination visit to 41 H Cn: H from 0830-1006.

3. Civil Affairs: 100,000 no 153-66 leaflets were airdropped in KONGU MO. A HUC was conducted TO 41 H Cn: H via AS760705. Sixty two patients were treated 880 sanitation kits were dist. The road was repaired from vic AS760785 to AS773777. Sety was prov by 3d Abn. 12 Dec 66

1. Concept: O 12 Dec 66 Co B will conduct a search at AS801-763 with the use of either first brs camp on Rt 231. Recon plat will prov convoy security for C-4/9. Co A will continue base const at BHM DM: H and assume a reaction force as. Set re action night ambush pti continues.

2. Operations:

a. Co A employed 4 sqd ambush pti on 12 Dec at AS713775, AS726802, AS733798, and AS739789. At AS706798 a sqd pti employed in that area on 11 Dec checked the area after having engaged an est 15 VC the night before with arty and mort fire. Nothing was found. The CO A/9 requested a more thorough search and a plat was dispatched from A-4/9 at BHM DM: H. The 2nd search of the area produced nothing. At 0935 1 rd of sniper fire was received from AS699799. There was no further contact and the plat (+) closed base at 1100. A-4/9 prov 1 plat for mor sety while engr road improvement progressed.

b. Co C with 1 police co, 1 RF plat, and 1 plat C-4/9 under its O Cn: moved by veh on Rt 231 at 0855. At 0905, the Co dismounted at C-4/9 and conducted a search on both sides of Rt 231 towards AS731774. At 1135 B-4/9 arrived in obj area and searched for booby traps. At 1410 the unit received off sniper fire from AS789779. Resupply was off after the fire ceased at 1530. Defenses were fixed at 1750. Co B employed 3 sqd night ambush pti via AS754786, AS758774, and AS763756. At 2015, the Co received mort fire from AS755755. Arty fire was off and mort fire ceased. At 2117 a plat "set up a heavy ambush" and engaged an est sqd of VC at AS755755. The VC were 150 meters to pti front and a search r.v. led no VC (AC) or wms. Pti relocated at 2311.

c. Co C continued ops in O Cn: H and had 1 plat O Cn: B-4/9 until 1600. The unit prov 1 sqd for engr security via its base. 1 plat was employed on a sweep and apprehended 6 male detainees via AS764786 and AS768783. Plat closed base at 1500. Detainees were airlifted to BHM DM: H at 1700. Co C dispatched sqd ambush pti via AS754786 and AS758774.

d. HUC prov admin/log s.t. Had't Rat A-4/9 (AFM) for securing at 231 for engr road air and grading. The plat prov escort on order throughout the day and secured the 1/2 strip for resupply acct. At plat escorted the convoy and closed BHM DM: H at 1515.

e. A-4/9 Arty fired 7 4.2 and 6 160 rds in s.t of 4/9.

f. The 25th va Bn and the 1st Bde prov acct spt.

13 Dec 66

1. Concept: A Co will prov one plat (-) to assist recon in C-4/9 area and sety at 0700. The engr will continue base const in the BHM DM: H base. Work will centered on placement of concertina around the brig. B Co and C Co conduct saturation ambush pti in respective O tonight.

2. Operations:

a. A Co provided 1 sqd to assist the recon in prov sety for the engr while they engaged in rei forcing the BHM DM: H. The night of 13 Dec, A Co will employ 3 sqd ambush pti and will be responsible for the sety of the BHM DM: H base. Pti will be loc. at AS771792 and AS776796.

b. At 0945 a sqd from A Co on a sweep msn received sporadic sniper fire from AS778758. Survl determined that at AS72758, fire had been received from a house. Information was obtained from Dist and the house was destroyed. At 1005 a 15 yr old VN male turned himself in to B Co as a Chieu Hoi. He was questioned by MED and evacuated by air for further interrogation. B Co continued base const throughout the day and prov one sqd to assist recon in securing the MSR while const work by the engr continued. At 1720, a sqd from B Co apprehended one adult male at AS807771.

c. C Co continued to work on its base and prov a sqd for sety of engr elements in the MSR const to B Co final CP at 1545. C Co dispatched a plat to AS775796 and AS777798 with a Chieu Hoi at 1005 and 0 detainees were apprehended. At 1600 at AS775796, 4 VC with wms were seen and pursued but were lost. C Co will leave 2 stay behind pti at 13 Dec, vic of opn area.

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d. HHC prov again/leg and to the Bn. At 1710, recon prov escort for the Bn while it cleared the Bn. Throughout the day it prov escort and act for this Bn and elements of C Co and the Bn. The 1st platoon reported CUCHI with the daily convey at 0630 and closed BHH CH NH at 0310. The 1st platoon escorted the convey back to CU CHI and closed at 1545.

e. -7/11 fired 11 M1s, 7 121s and 1 121s in apt of the 4-9. f. 1st: The 68th Helicopter Assault Co prov soft apt. Resupply soft came from the 147th Spt Assault Helicopter Co.

C & C	UH-1D	1 sortie
Resupply	UH-1D	11 sorties
Resupply	CH-47	1 sortie

g. 3rd Bn: The Bn conducted local search ops in AC II during 13 Dec between 1600 - 1700 13 Dec. The 3rd Bn Co visited the S-3 at BHH CH NH to coordinate a glt ops for 14 Dec.

3. Civil affairs:

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HHC conducted at Ban Kien XS747833, treated 15 patients and dispensed 102 sanitation kits. Thirty rolls of concertina wire was furnished to the RF Co at BHH CH NH for the improvement of def pens. A Chin Hoi from HHC village rallied to B Co and is currently being used to point out position 1 VC. Coordination was off with 246th SYO S center for immediate exploitation.

15 Dec 60

1. Concept: A Co will conduct single glt with 5 UH-1D (soft supported by 1 F&C and a light fire team at AS775763, AS790750, and AS792805. The soft will be available from 0730 to 1200. B Co and C Co will continue consist of fixed base camps and saturation pl in respective AOs. 1-65th engr will continue to work on AOR.

2. Operations:

a. Co A (-) conducted an strip at 0630 and left arrived at 0646. The strip was secured by recon. Initial lift into LZ at AS776763 was met with SA fire and lift was aborted. One gunship was hit in tail section. Aircraft remained functional. At 0637 Co A conducted 2nd pl to objective. An Army LNO in C & C soft called zone fire at AS775765. Fighter soft was on station at 0855 and was to strike tgt on order. Airstrike was declined at 0857. At 1001 the 1st pl of Co A was lifted into the LZ at AS776764 without contact. Linkup with Co B elements was off at 1015 and the search was concluded by 1305.

b. Co B employed search pl on the night of 14 Dec at AS787702, AS789761, and AS833762. Two of these patrols had contact at 150640 Dec. The patrol at AS833762 triggered its ambush at 0640. Results were 2 VC KIA (AO), 1 VC, 4 KIA (POSS), and 1 VC equip captured. The 2nd ambush was also triggered at 0640 at AS789761. Result was 1 VC KIA (VC). At 0837, 2nd pl of Co B was employed as a reaction force to deft AS775765 for a 4/9 assault on a vic AS776763. Search continued at 1015. At 1120, 3 H 3-4/9 results from a boom/boom. Dustoff was off at 1135. Search concluded at 1305 and helicopter extraction was completed by 1350. B Co continued consist of base camps and receive supplies by HHC. A VC was captured from Co B at 1050 for interrogation at BHH CH NH. On the night of 15 Dec the unit conducted ambush pl at AS799773 and AS775768.

c. At 1226, Co C was alerted to B3 to exploit intel from a Chin Hoi. At 1045 the 1st Co C departed base to locate caches. At 1245, small cache was located at AS603760. The following was found: 2 VC flags, several bottles of pills, 3 rolls of bandage, 1 lb of documents, 45 cal ammo, and several M1 carbines. The pl closed base at 1245.

d. HHC prov again/leg s.t. recon secured the parachuting area for helicopter ops by 0630. Recon prov escort for engr clearing team and escorted resupply vehicles over AOR to Co C and Co B fixed bases. AT pl escorted convey from BHH CH NH and closed BHH CH NH at 0917. The convey left for CU CHI at 1400 and closed base by 1530.

e. 3rd Bn: 3rd Bn conducted a sweep in its AO with a pl (-) from A-4/9 attached. During night of 15 Dec members of the 3rd Bn and A-4/9 will establish combined ambush at AS709816.

f. A-7/11 arty fired 2 WP rds, 117 HE rds, 10 121s in apt of 4/9 oms. Arty LNO also credited 5 VC KIA (POSS) to A-7/11 for 2 cans fired at AS775765.

g. The 71st Asslt Helicopter Co prov soft apt to the Bn. Resupply was off by the 145th Spt Assault Co.

Troop lift	UH-1D	20 sorties
Gunships	UH-1D	8 sorties
C & C	UH-1D	1 sortie
RENEWAC	UH-1D	1 sortie
Resupply	CH-47	1 sortie

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3. Civil affairs: A Lai Chien-feng, Parlet 2, HUNG LONG village, turned himself in at B1-10 Dist at 1900 and was immediately dispatched to Co C for exploitation. Hai Chien-feng carrying a Chieu Hoi letter when he turned himself in. 25,000 246-210, 25,000 246-205, 50,000 173 and 30,000 57279. School kits were dist to the B1-10 CH-10 primary school. On 15 Dec, civilians continued to return to B-4/9 and C-4/9 AO. Units are establishing checkpoints on population to determine number of civilians who have moved back to their homes.

16 Dec 66

1. Concept: Company G 1230 1 plt A-4/9 will conduct an eagle flt into LZ at XS790806. A-4/9 flt will be static. The Bn CO will be in C & C post throughout the op. Co C and Co B will continue ops in AO and prepare to subambush ptls on the night of 16 Dec. The engr plt will clear MSR and continue road const of Co C's C-4/9 via XS753-764. Recon will also secure the 2 strip for the helicopter ops on order. On the night of 16 Dec, A-4/9 will conduct saturation ptl in AO.

2. Operations:

a. One sqd from the 2nd Plt Co B, in direct spt of RF forces at the B1-10 Dist Brag, reported an accidental discharge of a claymore mine on the part of an RF CO at 0620. The detonation caused the RF to open fire and the sq fire concurred with the claymore detonation resulted in 4 male civ casualties. An eagle flt was aborted and ref were rerouted to 3-22 Inf. At 1350 a plt (-) from Co A was airlifted to XS755774 to make contact with 6VC observed in ref. Co elements landed at 1355 and had no contact. Nine suspects were obtained via XS74777. The plt (-) returned at 1800. The Co employed night ambush ptls via XS708786 and 5728-803.

b. A sqd from Co B will line detectors cleared the MSR from Co fwd base to Co C fwd base. Co B spent the remainder of the day in base const and preparation for night ptl. Night ambush ptls were employed at XS799758 and XS795775.

c. A sqd from Co C cleared the units portion of the MSR at 0733. At 1230 Co C's fwd base received sniper fire from an estimated 6 VC, loc at XS774801. Arty fired at the enemy's posn but the VC broke contact with no apparent casualties. A sweep of the area by the 3rd plt C-4/9 produced 4 male detainees. At 1210 a sqd (-) from Co C was dispatched to XS756774 to set up a blocking posn for an eagle flt from A-4/9. The sqd had no contact. A total of 4 detainees were apprehended at XS757774. The sqd closed C-4/9's fwd base and gave info on VC locs. In addition, 1 more detainee was picked up by local sety forces via fwd base. The Co employed night ambush ptls at XS772802 and XS765796.

d. HHC prov admin/log spt. The recon plt prov sety for the engr rd clr men beginning at 0630. At 1011, 1 jeep from the Recon plt escorted the Bn CO to B1-10 and return. The AT plt escorted the daily convoy from CU CHI arriving at the fwd base at 1014. The convoy departed the fwd base at 1255 arriving CU CHI at 1450.

e. A-7/11 Arty fired 2 HE and 1 Ill rds in spt of 4/9 ops.

f. The 145th Asslt Helicopter Co prov acft for the Bn. Resupply was off by the 147th Spt Asslt Helicopter Co.

Troop lift	UH-1D	3 sorties
C & C	UH-1D	1 sortie
Resupply	UH-47	1 sortie

g. 3rd Abn: Daylight activities included joint US/ARVN trng and local sweeps. The Bn employed night ambushes at XS725805 and XS740812.

3. Civil affairs: MEDCAP conducted at T'N QUI TAY by Co C treated 65 patients. Co B conducted a MEDCAP for local villagers at their fwd base treating 69 patients and dist 51 sanitation kits. This evening 2 civilians approached Co C fwd base and volunteered info on VC activities and locs.

17 Dec 66

1. Concept: The Bn continues fwd base const sety sweeps, civic action, and night ambushes. Six ambushes are planned at XS728803, XS707-786, XS799775, XS79778, XS765797, and XS772802.

2. Operations:

a. The 2d plt returned from OPCON 3d Abn at 1030. Problems were encountered during the 5 day pl such as diet and the daily Vietnamese siesta however, in the plt ldr's opinion, the association was beneficial to the 2d plt and the 3d Abn Bn. The Plt ldr recommended that such exchanges continue. Maj Lich, 3d Abn Bn CO, concurred with the plt ldr.

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b. At 0933, the plt, formerly located at XS799758, on 16 Dec relocated to XS302760 because of a possible compromise. At 0953 the plt received sniper fire which was silenced by mortar fire. The patrol closed base at 1050 with 5 detainees. They were apprehended at XS801760. At 1430 3 more detainees were evacuated to the En Aid Station. All returned to duty. The unit spent the remainder of the day in base const and preparation for night activities. The unit employed night ambush plt at XS704763 and XS725768.

c. At 0800, the plt located at XS772802 on 16 Dec sustained 1 ARVN WIA from a booby trap. Dustoff was off at 0825. At 0845 the plt received 2 sniper rds and arty was called to silence the sniper. The plt closed at 0944. Co C spent the remainder of the day in local security activities, base const and in preparation for plt. The unit employed night ambush plt at XS763787 and XS764781.

d. HHC prov admin/log spt. Recon prov scty for rd clear opn fwd to co bases beginning at 0630. At 0857 recon prov scty for the pickup of the plt from Co A attached to the 3d bn. AT plnt prov scty for the CU CHI convoy from 0730-0920 and from 1235-1430. HHC personnel contributed \$35.00 to a fund to prov clothing as a Christmas gift for the children of the 3d bn.

e. -7/11 arty fired 3 ILL and 6 HE rds in spt of task force opns.

f. The 173rd Asslt Helicopter Co prov acft spt for the Bn. Resupply was off by the 147th Spt Asslt Helicopter Co.

C & C	UH-1D	1 sortie
MEDEVAC	UH-1D	1 sortie
Resupply	CH-47	1 sortie

g. 3rd Bn employed sqd night ambush plt at XS725806 and XS739816.

3. Civil affairs: MEDEVAC conducted at BINH CHANH base treated 17 RF/FF dependents. Hospital stock gas were given to wounded F soldiers of BINH CHANH Dist.

18 Dec 66

1. Concept: L/6 Inf will conduct 6 sqd ambush plt to XS717800, XS787760, XS726800, XS833850, XS937654 and XS735803. Bn will have a standdown tomorrow. 3rd Bn conducts a search in zone at XS733835. 3rd Bn will employ ambushes at XS725806 and XS738816 tonight.

2. Operations:

a. From 1100-1230, Co A supplied a plnt (-) to secure an LZ at XS713792, for extraction of B-2/14. The unit employed sqd ambushes at XS711788 and XS713794.

b. Co B employed sqd plts at XS704763 and XS725768.

c. Co C plt located at XS833850 on the night of 16 Dec ambushed 3 VC. One VC threw hand grenades into plt pen. In addition patrol received gr from a school house vic site. VC broke contact immediately. Results were 1 VC KIA (50), 1 VC KIA (POSS), 1 German Sam Hauser captured, 4 US WIA, and 2 RF WIA. Dustoff was off 2250.

d. HHC prov admin/log spt. Recon prov scty for rd clearing opn to fwd Co B bases from 0708-0804. Recon provided scty for a PZ via XS713793, for extraction of B-2/14. AT plnt prov scty for the CU CHI convoy from 0710-0924 and from 1300-1510. At 1600, recon plnt reporting to info of an inform, captured and a VC liaison agent at XS757775.

e. -7/11 fired 1 ILL and 46 HE rds in spt of opns.

f. Acft: 1st Bde and the 147th Spt Asslt Helicopter Co prov acft spt to the Bn.

C & C	H-23	1 sortie
Resupply	CH-47	1 sortie

g. 3rd Bn conducted a search at XS733835 in conjunction with a MEDCAP. The search failed to make contact. MEDCAP treated 80 patients. Unit employed 2 night ambush plt at XS725804 and XS739811.

3. Civil affairs: MEDCAP conducted at XS732824 treated 30 patients. A cultural drama from the 25th ARVN Div arrived at the Bn fwd base at 1600. It consists of 9 males and 4 females. They will begin opn in the LAOCHU O on 19 Dec.

19 Dec 66

1. Concept: At 0730 Co A conducts a glt hit at XS792806. Fire troop lift ref will be prov by 118th Asslt Helicopter Co. Light fire tm and P.C on station. P. employs 7 sqd ambushes. 3rd Bn employs 2 sqd ambushes. Engr plnt clear RSK commencing 0730. Recon prov scty for rd clear and PZ. One plnt A Co assist recon. Co B and C conduct plnt sweeps.

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2. Operations:

a. Co A plat conducted an eagle flt at XS792806 and XS795781. No contact was made. Ptl at XS709777, XS705788, and XS706797 made no contact.

b. Co B plat on sweep received sniper fire at 0714 from XS793777. Fire was suppressed with SA. At 0743 Co B received fire from XS803758 and XS807764. Two men were wounded and evacuated by Dustoff at 0814. Sniper fire was suppressed by SA. At 0930, 35 rds 7.62 Russian ammo and 1 lb med supplies were found in a structure at XS803757. Plat left stay behind sqd ptl and completed search 1215. 14 detainees were apprehended.

c. Co C continued base const and made preparations for night ambush ptls. Unit employed sqd ptls via XS754793 and XS767793.

d. NHC prov admin/log spt. Recon plat secured PZ for eagle flt opn, prov escort for engr rd clearing from 0730-0812 and secured PZ for eagle flt extraction 0900-0920, AT plat prov escort for convoy from CU CHI and rtn.

e. A/7-11 fired 32 HE, 2 WP and 2 Ill rds in spt.

f. Acft: The 118th Asslt Helicopter Co prov acft spt. 145th Spt Asslt Helicopter Co prov resupply acft.

Trooplift	UH-1D	10 Sorties
Gunships	UH-1B	4 Sorties
Resupply	CH-47	1 Sortie

g. 3rd Abn Bn conducted a co search at XS706837. No contact was made. Unit employed sqd ambush ptls at XS723808 and XS767793.

h. Engr: 1 A/65th Engr const bunkers at BINH CHANH and Co B fwd base, swept MSR for mines and placed laterite on MSR and within arty area.

3. Civil affairs: 120,000 SP981 American Presence leaflets were dropped over BINH CHANH Dist. A ceremony and presentation of gifts to personnel wounded during Opn FAIRFAX was coordinated and finalized with BEN LUC Dist Chief. ARVN cultural drama tm played at TAN QUI TAY. MEDCAP conducted at TAN QUI TAY treated 196 patients and dist 154 sanitation kits. VIS announced CD tm appearance at BINH CHANH this morning.

20 Dec 66

1. Concept: Bn employs sqd night ambushes at XS706801, XS706792, XS717777, XS768803, XS771802, and XS792775. Co B continues bushmaster. Co C conducts search at XS776798. Engr continues MSR const and repair.

2. Operations:

a. Co A continued base devel and prepared for night ambush ptls at XS706801, XS706792, and XS717777.

b. Co B stay behind ptl at XS802764 made contact with 15-20 VC at 1806. Fire, mortar and arty fire forced the VC to break contact. Reaction force was committed and conducted a search of the area. There were no US casualties. VC casualties unk. Ptl relocated to XS790-769 at 2028. Another ptl set off booby trap at XS781758 resulting in 1 US KIA. Casualty was evac to fwd base and following morning to CU CHI. Ptl relocated to XS782761. Co B continued base const and employed bushmaster plat at XS796756.

c. Co C conducted a plat search msn at XS776798 from 1330-1515. No contact was made. Unit employed sqd night ambush ptl at XS768-803 and XS771902.

d. NHC prov admin/log spt. Recon plat prov scty for engr rd clearing msn from 0700-0800. AT plat prov escort for CU CHI convoy from 0700-1530.

e. A/7-11 Arty fired 47 HE and 2 WP rds in spt. Arty credited with 1 VC KIA (POSS).

f. Acft: The 118th Asslt Helicopter Co prov acft spt to the Bn and 3rd Abn. Resupply was effected by 147th Spt Asslt Helicopter Co.

Trooplift	UH-1D	42 Sorties
Gunships	UH-1B	6 Sorties
C&C	UH-1D	1 Sortie
Resupply	CH-47	1 Sortie

g. 3rd Abn Bn conducted 3 eagle flts to XS750803, XS787-815, and XS768805. No enemy contact was made.

h. Engrs cleared MSR to B Co fwd base, dist 7 loads of laterite around BINH CHANH base, worked on MSR in 3rd Abn sector and conducted brdg recon in 3rd Abn AO.

3. Civil affairs: 120,000 rice tax leaflets and 60,000 info leaflets were dropped from acft NE of AO. A MEDCAP conducted at BINH CHANH Hospital treated 57 patients.

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21 Dec 66

1. Concept: Bn employs 6 sqd ambushes. 3rd Abn conducts 2 ambushes. Co B prepares for plat bushmaster at XS794753. Co C conducts search at XS776798. Co A continues base const.

2. Operations:

a. Co A continued with fwd base const and prepared for sqd night ambush ptls which were dispatched to XS765788, XS706799 and XS711-772.

b. Co B conducted plat bushmaster which contacted est 50 VC at XS796756. VC were taken under fire with ga., claymore mines, mort and arty fire. Engagement lasted from 1410-1635 and resulted in 6 VC KIA (BC) and 2 US WIA. Arty fire accounted for 5 VC KIA (POSS).

c. Co C plat conducted combined opn with 3/46 ARVN against suspected VC Dist Chief's meeting place at XS766757. US force accounted for 1 VC KIA (BC) and 2 VC KIA (POSS). Unit employed 2 sqd ambushes at XS769305 and XS797760.

d. HHC prov admin/log spt. Recon provided rd clearing scty and escorted S-5 in dist presents to RF OF's. AT plat prov scty for the CU CHI convoy from 0715-1600.

e. 1-7/11 Arty fired 72 HE and 6 WP rds in spt.

f. 3rd Abn conducted co search at XS720805 without contact; conducted 13 sqd ambushes.

g. Aft: The 25th Avn Bn prov acft spt. Resupply was off by 147th Spt Asslt Helicopter Co.

C & C	UH-1D	1 sortie
Gunships	UH-1B	4 sorties
Resupply	CH-47	1 sortie

3. Civil affairs: Bn CO and S-5 attended ceremony at BIN LUC at which gifts for US soldiers wounded during opn ~~XXXXXX~~ were presented by the Dist Chief and BIN LUC elders for further presentation at BINH CHINH base. 109,000 245210 and 100,000 071 leaflets air dropped at XS7279, XS7583, XS6281, XS6276.

22 Dec 66

1. Concept: Bn employs 6 sqd night ambush ptl. Co A conducts plato, gile flt at XS794754. Co B and Co C conduct local plat opns in AO's. 3rd Abn conducts saturation ptls.

2. Operations:

a. Co A conducted plat eagle flt 0824-1145 at XS794754 with no results. Unit employed 2 sqd night ambush ptls at XS708800 and XS718773.

b. Co B continued base const and preparation for future opns. Unit employed sqd ptl at XS783762.

c. Co C bushmaster closed base at 1705. Co (-) continued fwd base const. At 1250 a plat (-) departed for BIN LUC Brig. Plat prov scty and instructs dist forces in mil opns. Unit employs ptls at XS755-755 and XS767793.

d. HHC prov admin/log spt. Recon plat prov MSR clearing scty. AT plat escorted convoy from CU CHI and rtn.

e. 1-7/11 Arty fired 44 rds HE and 6 rds WP in spt.

f. Aft: The 173rd Asslt Helicopter Co prov acft spt. Resupply was off by the 147th Spt Asslt Helicopter Co.

Troop lift	UH-1D	14 sorties
Gunships	UH-1B	6 sorties
C & C	UH-1D	1 sortie
Resupply	CH-47	1 sortie

g. 3rd Abn Bn employed 13 sqd ambushes.

h. Ingrs cleared MSR to b Co fwd base, constr misc iters for BINH CHINH fwd base and continued BACH KINH MSR work. 2/14 MSR 80% complete.

3. Civil affairs: A contingent of Quakers visited the Bn from 1000-1800. They were accompanied by Mr Johnson from US Embassy. Christmas gifts were purchased for AF dependents at BINH CHINH. The Cultural Drama tn performing at CAO DEM received 30 rds SA fire. No casualties resulted.

23 Dec 66

1. Concept: Bn continues saturation ptl, conducts joint multi-bn S & D opn with 3rd Abn at XS685850 commencing 0715. Co B lands N of BACH TAN Canal; Co A lands S of canal. Elements drive SE to XS715834. 3rd Abn Bn moves by foot, occupies blocking position. 3rd Abn prov one co to conduct heliborne asslt. Fire spt prov by 1-7/11 Arty. Gunships and FAC on sta.

2. Operations:

a. Co (-) conducted search in zone from 0728-1723 from

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grenade at XS70583. Unit employed night ambush pt. at XS708788 and XS717-802.

b. B Co conducted search in zone from 0800-1655 at XS690850 and XS714885. At 1201 a VC WIA was captured at XS694855. Co destroyed 27 bunkers at XS688859-XS692851. Unit destroyed 36 1-man and 2-man pans and 1 bunker at XS689048-XS692851. AP mine destroyed at XS686830. Unit employed 1 sqd ptl at XS792773.

c. Co C conducted local acty sweep from 1500-1700. 1 US and 1 ARVN WIA resulted from booby trap at XS773778. Dustoff off 1645. Unit employed night ambushes at XS763765 and XS776777.

d. HHC prov admin/log spt. Recon plat prov PZ acty and secured MSR clr party. AT plat escorted convoy from CU CHI and rtn.

e. 1-7/11 Arty fired 100 HE rds in spt.

f. Acft: 173rd Asslt Helicopter Co prov acft spt. Resupply acft prov by 147th Spt Asslt Helicopter Co.

Troop lift	UH-1D	48 sorties
Gunships	UH-1B	10 sorties
C & C	UH-1D	1 sortie
Resupply	UH-1D	3 sorties
Resupply	CH-47	1 sortie

g. 3rd Abn Bn employed 10 night ambushes. 32nd Co occupied blocking posnt XS715832 at 0739. 33rd Co landed at XS697856 at 0725 and commenced search. At 0830, 33rd Co made contact with unk no VC at XS697-856. Arty and gunships employed. Search of area resulted in 7 VC KIA(UC), 5 wms captured incl 1 US MI, 2 RussSMG, 1 Thompson SIG, and 1 M-1 Carbine. Two VC POW were apprehended. ARVN casualties were 2 WIA and 1 DOW. Unit destroyed 2 bunkers and rtn to base by boat.

h. Engrs cleared MSR 0630-0800, discovered and destroyed 3 gran booby traps at XS773778. Brk; at RICH KILL completed.

24 Dec 66

1. Concept: In continues observance of truce by employment of acty defensive ambush ptl, and daylight acty sweeps. 3rd Abn Bn sends out 10 sqd ambushes.

2. Operations:

a. A Co ambush ptl at XS708783 and XS717802 closed base by 0735 without incidents. Unit continued fwd base improvement and preparation for night ambush ptl at XS713793, XS727799 and XS716780.

b. B Co assisted clr the MSR. Security ptl dispatched to XS713793.

c. C Co ptl at XS763765 and XS776777 closed at 0704. Unit assisted in clr the MSR. A school choral group visited the C Co fwd base at 0930 and entertained the troops with Christmas carols. The choral group departed at 1230. One plat secured AN LOC Bdg. Sqd ptl dispatched to XS766778 and XS770789.

d. HHC continued admin/log spt. Recon plat assisted clr MSR linking up with elements of C Co.

e. 1-7/11 fired 37 HE and 2 WP rds.

f. The 25th Avn Bn and the 1st Bde Avn Det prov acft spt for 4/9. Resup ly was off by the 147th Asslt Helicopter Co.

C & C	UH-1D	1 sortie
C & C	H-23	1 sortie
Resupply	CH-47	1 sortie

g. 3rd Abn Bn employed 10 sqd ambush ptl.

h. Engr plat assisted by recon plat cleared the MSR. Stockpiled 6 loads of laterite for road repair.

3. Civil affairs: GLA MINH Prov Committee and school choir presented a Christmas show for HINHCHUS at THU QUI T.Y village. Gifts were presented to all members of the En. Refreshments were prepared and served by US forces. A Christmas party was held at the Dist compound for 67 dependent RF/PF children.

25 Dec 66

1. Concept: Bn employs security ptl, observes Christmas cease fire, prepares for future opns.

2. Operations:

a. A Co ptl at XS713793, XS727799, and XS719780 closed by 0740. Unit maintained equip, prepared for night security ptl and observed the Christmas holiday. Sqd ptl dispatched to XS710785, XS714780, and XS715798.

b. B Co ptl via XS778763 closed 0950. Unit assisted Recon plat clr MSR. The Christmas holiday was observed. Sqd ptl dispatched to XS795778 and XS794767.

c. C Co ptl at XS766778 and XS770789 closed 0930. Unit

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assisted Recon platoon clear MSR. The 3rd platoon continues in LOC Brig sety. Christmas holiday observed. Sqd platoon dispatched to XS769793 and XS763799.
d. HHC prov admin/log spt. Recon platoon cleared the MSR
C830, prov escort for admin convoys. AT platoon escorted convoy from CU CHI and rtn.

- e. 25th Avn Bn and 3/4 Cav Avn Co prov:

C & C		1 sortie
Admin troop		4 sorties
Admin	CH-47	1 sortie
Resupply		2 sorties
Resupply	CH-47	1 sortie

f. 3rd Avn Bn employed 10 sqd patrols.

g. Engr: 1-4/65th Engr cleared the MSR 0730-0830, performed base camp activities.

26 Dec 66

1. Concept: Bn continues saturation ambush platoon. A Co relieves C Co platoon of sety commitment at in LOC Brig 1430. C Co conducts checkmate on Hwy 4 commencing C800. B Co conducts search at XS795779 commencing 0715. Recon platoon prov escort and security as required.

2. Operations:

a. A Co dispatched sqd platoon at XS710785, XS714780, and XS715798. One platoon observed 6 VC at 0159 via XS714780. No incidents resulted. The 2nd platoon established a checkmate at XS718797 C805-1415 with negative results. C Co relieved B Co of its sety commitments at in LOC Brig at 1430, prov a sqd for loc clearing. A Co dispatched sqd via XS703792 and XS717771.

b. B Co platoon at XS795778 and XS794767 had no contact and cleared 0748. At C830, B Co searched obj via XS793776 locating 60,000 lbs of rice at XS797778. Dist Hq was notified and an officer was dispatched by air to that location. Rice was found to be legitimate. The platoon had no contact and cleared at 1130. Buckmaster via XS779319 departed 1800 hrs, due back 281000 Hrs. B Co dispatched sqd platoon via XS792782 tonight.

c. C Co platoon at XS769793 and XS763779 had no contact and cleared 0717. At 0730, C Co was alerted to search obj XS742853 and XS745731. 30-2 men (includes 1000 lbs of rice) destroyed at XS752953. Both platoons cleared at 0955. At 1430, the 3rd platoon was relieved of its sety mission at in LOC Brig by a platoon of A Co. C Co left a stay-behind platoon via XS779319 to accompany with its search mission. One sqd will verb clear XS717771.

d. HHC prov admin/log spt. Recon platoon, with 1 sqd of C Co platoon prov escort for clearing MSR; secured Bn strip for resupply 1405.

e. Arty: 1-7/11 fired 2 105 HE rds and 1 105 WP rd in spt of 2/14 Inf at HACH YEN.

- f. 25th Avn Bn prov:

C & C	UH-1D	1 sortie
Resupply	CH-47	1 sortie

g. Commencing 0700, 1 Co, 3rd Avn Bn conducted search at XS753724. Twenty-five detainees were apprehended. Opn terminated without contact at 1200.

h. 4/15th Engr cleared the Bn. SI, continued work on 2/14 Inf MSR to RCH HILL, continued bridge const via XS740760 and graded the driveway at SDH CHIN Hospital.

3. Civil affairs: IADCAF conducted at TH QUI T Y, treated 122 patients.

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(1) Concept:

3rd Abn. moves 1 Co by foot to arrive at A XS699814 at 0700; moves sqd force to Pt B to interdict all canal traffic and seals off AO to south with Co (-) on order. Search area south of BEN LUC river. Provides 1 Co (-) on strip alert at 3d Abn base strip. C Co (-) lands LZ 1 and 2 XS688816 and XS695816 in 10 UHID acft at 0715, seals and searches area north of BEN LUC River. 2nd Plt Alh/9 OPCOM of C/CO, lands LZ 3 XS701817 in 5 UHID acft. At 0730 conducts local search, secures the northern flank of C CO. Units extracted from original LZ on order.

(2) Operations:

(a) A Co ptls had no contact and closed 0830. 3rd plt remains as sety for AM ECC Bridge. 1st plt under opcon of 1st, landed LZ 3, XS701317, at 0800. No enemy contact was made. Plt msn was to secure flank and rear of C Co during search opn. The opn terminated at 1225 and the plt was extracted by helicopter at 1300. One sqd from the 2nd plt secured the bn strip with Recon plt at 0645 and 1200. One sqd atch to Recon plt for clearing MSR at 0700. The Co employed 2 sqd ambush patrols tonight at XS717803 and XS704798.

(b) B Co Bushmaster at XS803778 continues. Ptls at XS792765 and XS802778 had no contact and closed 0730. B Co cleared its portion of MSR by 0730. At 1015-1150 conducted a MEDCAP at its fwd base. The Co will dispatch 1 sqd size ptl to XS791766.

(c) C Co ptls at XS77797, made contact with 20-25 VC enroute to its ambush site at 2010. The patrol receiving fire from 3 sides called arty and the enemy broke contact. At 2040 the ptl reloc at XS776816. At 0733, the Co (-) landed LZ 1 and 2, XS688816 and XS695816. No fire was received. Plt of A Co under opcon of C Co landed LZ 3 XS701817 at 0800; no fire received. At 0806 C Co made contact with elements of the 3rd Abn Bn operating to the S. At 0820, C Co requested additional demo by aerial resupply to dest 35 bunkers at XS694815. At 1055, C Co apprehended 4 detainees at XS692816. The search was completed by 1225. Both US and ARVN were extracted from 5725 at 1330. C Co will dispatch 2 sqd ambush patrols to XS753763 and XS756762.

(d) HHC continued admin and log spt. Recon plt secured Bn LZ, PZ and resupply pad. AT at escorted convoy from CU CHL.

(e) Arty: A/7-11 fired 42 HC 105, 3 WP 105, and 2 Illum in spt of opns.

(f) 126th Avn Co, provided;

Troop lift	UH-1B	42 Sorties
Q&C	UH-1D	6 Sorties
Comms	UH-1B	14 Sorties
Resupply	CH-47	1 Sortie
WC	OH-	2 Sorties

(g) 3d Abn Bn ambush ptls had no contact and closed by 0630. At 0702 31st Co departed for blocking ptl at XS699814 and at 0745 32d Co landed LZ 4 XS694809 with no enemy contact. The Bn (-) linked up with elements of C Co at 0806. The Abn apprehended 20 male detainees. The unit was extracted 1300. On the night of 27 Dec, the Bn will dispatch 10 sqd ambush ptls.

(h) 1/1-65th Engr cleared Bn MSR by 0900, working on the bridge at XS740760 on the 2/14th MSR to RACH KIEH. Road opened RACH KIEH to BINH CHANH. Bridge on route 226 is 35% complete.

3. CIVIL AFFAIRS: MEDCAP at HUY LONG treated 40 patients. MEDCAP at BINH CHANH hospital treated 70 persons. Bridge at XS735825 40 feet in length and 11 feet wide redocked and plankad; open to traffic.

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(1) Concepts:

3rd Lbn conducts eagle flight to XS777837. C Co conducts Co (-) opn, XS781817, commencing 0900. A Co prepares for ambush ptls on the night of 28 Dec. B Co bushmaster opn will continue until 1000. B Co conduct local ptl sweep from fwd base. Engr plt continues to work on 2/14 MSR.

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(2) Operations:

(a) A Co ambush ptls at XS7057.8 and XS717802. had no contact and returned 0755. Co attached 1 sqd to the Recon plt to clear MSR. 3rd plt continued to secure M100 Bridge. 2 sqd ptls ambush at XS727780 and XS700799.

(b) B Co bushmaster returned to base at 1826. Ambush ptl at XS777765 had no contact and returned 0818. At 0815 plt conducting sweep of fwd base wounded 1 VC at XS777707. VC carrying handbells. 12 ammo escaped into underground. Plt returned 1115. B Co assisted Recon clear MSR and base const continued. Co employs 2 sqd ambush ptls at XS722772 and XS717802.

(c) C Co attached 2 sqd ptls on the night of 27 Dec, at XS752764 and XS761765. 3 sqds to site at XS777772, plt observed 5 VC with 120. VC were believed to be a set party for a larger element. A heavy ambush was sprung on 2705. 3 sqd 8mm mortars, Cincinns, and SA. The ptl received 400 rounds of fire. All VC were killed. At 0826 surveillance of area indicated no evidence of VC KIA or WIA. At 1330 and 1400, the 1st and 2nd sqds conducted a search mission, XS782818. Four ambushes were set. All VC were killed. At 1507, without incident. 2 sqd ambush ptls dispatched to XS751780 and XS757773.

(d) 1st continued admin and log spt. Recon plt with 1 sqd from 1st provided spt. For 1st Engr, while the MSR was cleared. The clearing mission commenced at 0700 and was completed by 0800. Recon performed combat mission and at 1500 secured the En strip for resupply by CH-47. Recon mission completed at 1500. At plt escorted convey from CG CHI and returned.

(e) Arty: A7-11 fired 5 missions in spt which totaled 40 FB, 3 WP, 5 M100.

(f) 115th Avn Co provided:

Trooplift	UH-1D	42 Sorties
CRV	OH-1D	6 Sorties
Gunships	UH-1H	14 Sorties
Security	CH-47	1 Sortie
C	UH-1H	2 Sorties
Lighting Team		

(g) 3rd Lbn Bn conducted Co (-) eagle flight opn at XS777837 commencing at 0758. Utilizing total of 4 lifts and 28 troop lift sorties. Gunships were on sta throughout. 11 detainees were apprehended at XS776834; however there was no enemy contact. The opn terminated at 0930 and by 0940 all elements had been extracted. On the night of 27 Dec the Bn dispatched 10 sqd ptls within its AO; none of the ptls had contact and they all closed base by 0630.

(h) 1 A/65th Engr assisted in clearing the Bn MSR and devoted the remainder of the day to improving the 2/14 MSR to RACH KIEH.

(3) Civil Affairs:

25,000 246-100 leaflets dropped XS7532-8182. 150 American History comics given to the school at QHO DEM. Foot bridge at XS728921 completed by Engr plt 4 ft wide by 24 ft long. 500 American History comics were given to the BACH CHU primary school for use by 1250 students. Additional info received from HOI CHU of TAY QUI TAY Village guerillas compiled and fwd to 246th representative at 3-5 for printing of a special leaflet.

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(1) Concepts:

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27 B Co occupies ambush psn at XS783773 on the night of 28 Dec. At H-hour B Co occupies 4 ambush psns XS7776. 2/46 occupies blocking psn E thru I via XS7874 at H hour. The 131st RF Co occupies blocking psn J & K via XS7977 at H hour. C Co and Co 3d Abn land LZs 2,3, and 4 via XS8075 at H hour and H hour plus 10, conduct search in zone, and extract to fwd bases via XS8172 by air. Scout Co 46 moves by foot to conduct search of X1 and 22. A Co lands at LZ 1 XS803740 at H hour establishes checkmate on river. Helicopters and FAC on sta.

(2) Operations:

(a) A Co employed two heliborne emplaced ambush ptls at XS 700799 and XS727730. One PW apprehended at XS701791. One sqd assisted in clearing MSR to B Co then secured LZ at 0700 and at 1630. The 3d plt continued sety mission at AN LCC Bridge. The 2d plt participated in the combined opn by heliborne landing LZ 1 and establishing river checkmate at XS803740. 2d plt OPCON to C Co 1430, no contact resulted. Plt was extracted 1745 with C Co. Ambush ptls were employed at XS707788 and XS570801.

(b) B Co employed 2 night ambush ptls which had no contact, they were joined by 3 additional ptls to block E. end of AO ptl contact. resulted in 3 VC KIA (BC) and capture of 2 wpns. All 5 ptls returned on foot to B Co fwd base at 1315. A 4 man demo team was provided to 131st RF Co to destroy booby traps in that unit sector. One member WIA from mine. Dust-off was effected at XS803760. Ambush ptl employed at XS791766 & XS782785.

(c) C Co night ambush ptls had no contact and closed fwd base by 0626. Forces involved in opn conducted combat assault in 2 lifts. 4 detainees were brought out with the extraction at 1755. Ambush ptls employed at XS771794 and XS791766.

(d) HHC recon plt cleared rte to C and B by 0650 and secured the PZ NW of BINH CHANH for the hel-lift and CH-47 resupply mission. The plt also performed convoy escort missions within the Bn. AT escorted the convoy from CU CHI was rtn.

(e) A/7-11 Arty fired 14 WP, 39 RE, 14 Spt missions, and 2 H&I missions. All missions were in spt of 4-9.

(f) 128th Aslt Avn Co supported opn with 75 sorties.

(g) 3d Abn Bn Forces in 2 lifts landed unopposed LZ, at 1030 and at 1055. At 1612 the 31st Co made contact XS805755. A booby trap caused 5 WIA who were evac by Dustoff. On extraction of the 1st 2 lifts AW and mort fire was received from XS790767.

(h) 131st RF Co moved to psns J & K but a mine caused 2 WIA (RF) who were evac. The Co stayed in blocking psns until 1615. It closed base area at 1650.

(i) 1/A-55 Engr cleared and graded road to RACH KIEU. A swing set was completed for a school in BINH CHANH village. Benches were built for C Co and lumber was cut for the CHO DEI Bridge.

(j) 2d Bn 46th Regt occupied blocking psns S of the river and moved westward. A report of VC at XS800753 did not materialize. No contact was made and the Bn closed CAM GIUUG at 1840.

(k) LRRP of 3/4 Cav continues to operate from initial loc. Reported sampan with 3 VC armed with CHICOM Rifles at 1830. At 1904, 2 sampan with VC in uniform and armed with RG. At 1940 arty was called on 2 motorized sampans; no surveillance on targets. Lightning Bug at 0335 engaged 3 VC 1 VC KIA (BC) resulted.

3. Civil Affairs: 105 leaflets were dropped. 210 calendars printed by 246 PSYOPS Co distributed in villages. Solatium payment made to Vo Van Son who was injured by helicopter fired rocket. 2 health and comfort packages given at CHO DEI hosp to civilians injured in opn.

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(1) Concept:

Bn conducts local sety and ambush ptls. A Co continues sety mission at AN LOC Bridge. B Co conducts search at XS774766, conducts MEDCAP at KUH: 1234. C Co conducts search at XS774800. Conducts MEDCAP at TAN QUI TAY. LRRP extracted 1130 hrs.

(a) A Co ptls at XS707788 and XS705801 had no contact and closed 0740. 3d plt continued sety mission at AN LOC Bridge. The Co (-) performed normal base camp activities and maintenance of equip. Co will dispatch 2 sqd plt to XS717779 and XS722804.

(b) B Co plt at XS827785 and XS791766 had no contact and closed by 0842. Co unit cleared its portion of the MSR by 0729. At 0900 B Co sent a plt on a search mission at XS774766. Plt had no contact and closed at 1700. The Co (-) continued improvement of the base camp fortifications and facilities. A MEDCAP conducted inside of the base camp treated 85 Viet civilians. MEDCAP completed 1210. Co will dispatch 2 sqd plt to XS805765 and XS778778.

(c) C Co ptls at XS771794 and XS776791 had no contact and closed by 0835. At 0727 the Co cleared its portion of the MSR. At 0900 C Co sent a plt to search at XS774800. The plt had no contact, apprehended 4 male detainees and closed at 1400. Between 1000 and 1200 C Co medics conducted a MEDCAP and treated 178 patients. The Co (-) continued fwd base improvement. Co will employ plt to XS772803 and XS776796.

(d) HHC provided admin and log spt. Recon platoon commenced MSR clearing, at 1720 and completed it by 0300. At 0720 Recon sent a set sect to the bridge in the 3d Lbn AO, XS733835, as sety. One plt of the 3d Lbn accompanied Recon. Mission was completed 1200. AT plt escorted convoy from CU CHI and rtn.

(e) A7-11 fired 10 rds HL during this period in spt of 4-9.

(f) Aft: 25th Avn Bn provided: C2C 5 Sorties, UHID

(g) 3d Lbn conducted normal base activities and provided 1 plt to assist in sety bridge at XS733835. On the night of 3 Jan the Bn will dispatch 10 sqd plt in its AO.

(h) The LRRP was extracted 1130 by UHID Aft from XS 618858 after ops in that area since 27-30 Dec. The plt gained valuable intel on VC movement and activities in the Pineapple area.

(i) 1/4-65 swept Bn MSR to B Co without incident, delivered benches to C Co and constructed bunks in unit bunkers. Decking was added to JHC KTH Bridge #3. The bridge is 90% complete. Elements of the plt swept the MSR to KACH KITH and continued work on this etc.

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(5) Civil Affairs: The MEDCAPS conducted by BN one at TAN QUI TAY treated 118 patients; another at BINH CHANH treated 85 patients. A swing set was erected by C Co at TAN QUI TAY primary school and is receiving much attention by the children of the area. At a ceremony in the MANCHU Hos, the Dist Chief and 3d Abn BN CO were honorary members of the MANCHU and presented plaques and distinctive unit insignia.

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(1) Concept:

Bn prepares to observe the New Year's 48 hr truce commencing 310700 Dec. BINH CHANH and C Co fwd bases establish saturation day and night local sety ambush ptls. Special rules of engagement for the truce apply.

(2) Operations:

(a) A Co ptls at XS717779 and XS722804 had no contact and both closed by 0741. One sqd placed GREIF to Recon plst for the purpose of clearing MSR. Mission was complete at 0600. The 2nd plt contained securing the 45 IAO Bridge. At 1350 1st Plt conducted a sweep of the BTHI GRACE perimeter with no contact. The plt closed at 1515. A Co will employ two local ptls via XS705792 and XS713779.

(b) B Co employed 2 night ambush ptls at XS775762 and XS778778. The first plt enroute to its ambush site made contact at XS804765. The patrol received AW fire and engaged the VC with 81mm mortar and SA. The reaction force was committed at 2310. At 0310, the reaction force linked up with patrol. An M-1 rifle was captured at XS777759, N.E. of the location of initial engagement, the VC detonated one of their own booby traps. Screams and moans were heard. At 0153, elements of B Co heard a motorized column on the river at XS804755 heading N. Arty fire was used. Flood and drag marks were observed at XS805775. The reaction force closed base at 0745 and the plt related to XS795762. Both ptls closed base by 0800. At 0610 Co had cleared its portion of MSR. Co will employ 2 night ambush ptls at XS788777 and XS783766.

(c) Co C ptls at XS773003 and XS776796 had no contact and closed by 0930. At 2210, the 3rd plt commenced its move to conduct a night raid on a temple at XS772803. Search nets were found in the temple. There was no contact and the plt closed base at 0040. C Co will employ night ambush ptls at XS768782 and XS754787.

(d) HHC continued to provide admin and log spt. Recon plst with 4 Co attached provided sety for clearing of MSR commencing 0700. Recon secured the Bn PZ for the CH-47 resupply a/c at 1400. AT plst escorted convoy from 6J CBI and rtn.

(e) 501st Avn Bat provided:
C AC - FIELD 2 Sorties
Recon - CH-47 1 Sortie

(f) A/7-11, fired 70 rds HE and 6 rds WP in spt of 4-9 opns.

(g) 3rd Abn conducted normal base activities and local sety daylight ambush ptls around its fwd base.

(h) Engr: 1 A/45 Engr cleared the BN MSR 0700-0900.

(3) Civil Affairs: MEDCAP conducted for RF/FF dependents at BINH CHANH base; treated 32 dependents. MEDCAP at BINH CHANH Maternity Hosp treated 52 patients

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1 Jan 67

(1) Concept: A Co conducts sety during true period by defensive ambushes. Drylight sety swd. a.

(2) Operations:

a. Co conducted 2 sety ptls at XS705792 and XS713799. One plt conducted sety swd. personal in base. One plt remained as sety force at LAC Bldg.

b. Co employed 2 sety ptls at XS757763 and XS757777. One plt conducted sety swd. from Am's st.

c. Co conducted sety ptls to vic XS754736 and XS759737. Drylight sety was dispatched.

d. HHC continued to prov admin/log spt. Recon plt clir 1st to 3 Co and G Co. HHC. Recon plt prov sety for vehicles w/ convoys. Artillery escorted CU CHI convoy from 0700 to 0915, 1st platoon of CHI 1237 arrived at CHI 1500.

e. A-7/11 fired 15 missiles at 37 ILL. VC were in violation of the New Year Truce.

f. 25th Avn Co prov

C-130	1 sortie
Gunships	1 sortie
Resupply	2 sorties

g. 3rd Abn conducted sety ptls were fired on with 57mm AT on SA by an est VC unit at XS714735. Two gunships fired on error with unk results. Another unit fired upon by est VC unit at 2252 hrs at XS725840. Artillery fired on resulting in 5 VC KIA (CDS).

h. Artillery conducted fire of 105mm howitzers and 160mm mortar to deterrence of VC.

(3) Civil Affairs:

Vietnamese G.I. entry crosses w/ Silver Star were presented to LTC Hyatt and Sgt. Hadden by Col. Giam, CMC Commander. Vietnamese Gallantry Crosses w/ Bronze Star were presented to SFC Brown and SFC Becker by Capt. Tan, Dist Chief. Capt. Tan and Maj. Kantor, senior advisor were present. Awards are for ambush actions and accomplishments.

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(1) Concept: A Co conducts sety ptls at XS738793 and XS726803, prep to conduct engle flt. B Co conducts sety ptls at XS777766 and XS789776, lands helicopter unit at XS775763 0700 in conjunction with ground search. C Co conducts sety ptls at XS766796 and XS760780, lands helicopter unit at XS780789 0710 in conjunction with ground search. Const continues on all fwd bases. 3rd Abn conducts sqd ptls and search of TBN NHUT 1 and 2.

(2) Operations:

a. Co employed 2 sety ptls at XS734794 and XS726803. Conducted engle flt at XS590790. Captured cache of ammo, grenades, and documents. After with another plt by air, the unit continued search in zone and found 5 SETCOM rifles, 1 M16 pistol, documents, misc grenades, ammo, mines, covered bunkers and detained 1 suspect.

b. Co employed 2 sety ptls at XS777766 and XS789770. Plt at XS777766 remained in psn. 3rd plt employed AM assault at XS782762 and joined plt. Helicopters received AM fire on the approach, 2 helicopters and 1 pilot were hit. Gunships reported 1 VC KIA (POSS) from firing presses. Searcher in zone and out to fwd base resulted in 3 detainees and one destroyed mg emplacement. Stay behind plt remained at XS774757 to rtn 030001 Jan.

c. Co conducted 2 sety ptls at XS762789 and XS76078. At 0400 a plt was sent to XS778319; in psn at 0645. AM assault made at 0915 via XS784817. Units joined at XS780818, searched toward fwd base. Search resulted in 2 male detainees.

d. HHC continued admin/log spt. Recon plt clir the MSR and prov sety escort for convoys to fwd bases. AT plt performed routine duties at CU CHI base.

e. A-7/11 Artillery fired 24 missiles of HE in H & I fires.

f. 502nd Avn Co prov C & C ships from 0730-1130 and 1330-1630.

Troop lift	UH-1H	20 sorties
Gunships	UH-1B	8 sorties
Resupply	CH-47	1 sortie

g. 3rd Abn conducted a search of TBN NHUT 1 and 2 with no results. Co and Adv made recon in prep for multi-bn opn. Conducted 10 sqd ptls night of 1 Jan.

h. 1st/5th engr worked on the road to R CH KLIN, worked on MAT6 Bldg at XS760735 and continued fwd base devel.

(3) Civil Affairs: 8 pigs arrived from the Farmingdale Women's

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Club containing children clothes.

3 Jan 67

(1) Concept: 4/9 conducts cordon and search of QUI DUC 3 at XS800-765 using B Co and C Co. 3rd Bn Bn conducts eagle flt. Six ambush ptls will be conducted night of 2 Jan.

(2) Operations:

a. A Co employed night ambush ptls at XS730781 and XS793785. Plat securing N LOC Brg at XS759858 was withdrawn at 0800. A Co on 15 min alert and continued to work on fwd base.

b. B Co employed 2 night ptls. One stay behind plat at XS785762 returned to fwd base at 0001. The second ptl remained in psn and assisted in the cordon and search opn. At 0245 B Co moved to cordon psn N of QUI DUC 3, and began search of area at 0700 resulting in capture of 1 pistol belt, 2 M-26 grenades, 30 rds M-1 ammo, and 6 detainees. Natl Police assisted.

c. C Co employed 2 ambush ptls at XS771779 and XS765781. At 0200 C Co moved to B Co fwd base and then to cordon psns on the S of QUI DUC 3, at 0700 began search of obj. Results of search: One Mouser rifle, 10 covered foxholes destroyed, and one detainee.

d. HHC continued admin/log spt. Recon plat cir MSR to C and B Co and assisted in securing QUI DUC 3. Recon plat prov scty for wheeled convoys. AT plat sent two gun jeeps to fwd base as daily convoy scty and to assist in terrain def.

e. 7-7/11 fired 4 ill rds.

f. 116th vn Aslt Co prov:

Troop lifts	UH-1D	24 sorties
Gunships	UH-1B	8 sorties
C & C	UH-1D	5 sorties
Resupply	CH-47	1 sortie

g. 3rd Bn Bn employed 21 night ambushes; conducted two eagle flts at XS725856 and XS740858 to XS740862. Results of search: 1 pistol, 1 Mouser rifle, 1 French rifle, and 1 US M-1 rifle captured at XS725856.

h. 1-4/65th Agr cleared MSR to B and C Co at 0715 and attached mine detector tns to 3rd Bn C Co for opn. Marked on road to N CH KIM base with 8 loads of laterite. Recon 2 bds XS738786 and XS744685 for est of future work, ordered material for 16x16 bunker for 1st Bde Hqs at BHM LUC, ordered material for arty at BHM CH. H.

(3) Civil affairs: 30,000 VR246-104-67 (rice tax) leaflets air dropped XS768817-XS7980-XS7680. H-23 helicopters with 1 uds wker utilized during opn to instruct the people on action to be taken during the search. 4,000 TU-20 newspaper were distributed along Hwy 5 from XS815840.

4 Jan 67

(1) Concept: 4/9 employs 8 night ambushes. A Co executes AM aslt at XS695791. B Co searches MSR between B and C Co 300 mtrs each side of road. C Co and B Co search of MSR from C Co fwd base to Bn fwd base.

(2) Operations:

a. A Co employed 2 night ambush ptls at XS718762 and XS730-785. This ptl at XS730785 captured an LVC who walked into the ambush site. A Co conducted AM aslt at XS695791. After the first lift landed 9 men were seen running from the area. These men were ap rehended and brought to the fwd base. Upon interrogation one confessed to being VC and volunteered to guide A Co to a cache of wns. The VC was flown to the MO and while showing them the cache a mine was detonated which wounded 9 US pers. The VC attempted full play and was killed by interpreter, SSG Phouc whose action probably saved the lives of four US. He was awarded the bronze Star w/V for his actions.

b. B Co employed 2 night ambushes at XS776763 and XS733763, assisted C Co in sweeping 300 mtrs each side MSR from B Co fwd base to the Bn fwd base. Two detainees were apprehended.

c. C Co employed 4 night ambush ptls at XS772801, XS765806, XS752781, and XS757873. C Co assisted by B Co swept 300 mtrs each side of the MSR from B Co fwd to Bn fwd base. One detainee was apprehended.

d. HHC continued admin/log spt. Recon plat secured the LZ for the opn, cir MSR to C Co and prov escort for wheeled convoys. Recon plat captured 9 VC suspects who fled from the A Co LZ at XS705780. AT plat (-) secured convoys in this area. Hwy mortiblat moved sect to the C Co fwd base.

e. A-7/11 Arty fired 2 ill rds.

f. The 71st Helicopter Aslt Co provided

Troop lifts	UH-1D	16 sorties
C & C	UH-1D	3 sorties
Gunships	UH-1B	2 sorties

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Supply CH-47 1 sortie
 1208VAC 14-1D 1 sortie
 g. 3rd Abn Bn conducted 10 night ambush ptls, conducted a S & D msn at XS744860, XS732824, XS720860. Search resulted in the apprehension of 1 detainee.
 h. 1-1/65th Engr eld on graded MSR to B Co and conducted brdg recon at XS703799 and continued fwd base devel.
 (3) Civil affairs:
 5,000 246-962 leaflets (w/ins reward) air dropped at XS693789 on low pass, point tgt. 5,000 Cien Hoi leaflets (189) air dropped from XS680800 SW to XS670770.

5 Jan 67

(1) Concept: 4/9 conducts 6 night ambush ptls. A Co conducts sweep of area vic XS703799; continues work on fwd area. B Co conducts search at XS801757. C Co conducts search at XS766813.
 (2) Operations:
 a. A Co employed night ambushes at XS717803 and XS703792. A Co search at XS709807 resulted in 1 M-16 mine, seven grenade booby traps, and 2 covered bunkers dest. A sqd plt remained in the area and returned at 1700.
 b. B Co employed night ambushes at XS723763 and XS790768 which remained in msn as block force for the opn. Eagle flt was conducted at XS799755, followed by search to the B Co fwd base with neg contact.
 c. C Co employed night ambushes at XS775796, XS776783, XS764732, XS755775. Search from fwd base to XS750780 resulted in 4 grenade booby traps dest and 17 rds 7.62mm ammo captured. Area at XS749785 was fortified with 20 foxholes and 6 covered emplacements which were dest. Two "twin 40's" were emplaced at the C Co fwd base.
 d. HHC continued admin/log spt. Recon plat eld MSR to B Co base, prov scty for wheeled convoys, and conducted a checkmate at XS763860 which resulted in 19 persons being apprehended. AT plat (-) prov scty for wheeled veh. 4.2 mort plat continued work on emplacements and on registration.
 e. 7/11 Arty fired 23 HE and 1 rd WP.
 f. 71st Helicopter Aslt Co and the 1st Bde Avn Det prov acft spt for 4/9. Resupply was effected by the 147th Spt Aslt Helicopter Co.

Troop lift	UH-1D	6 sorties
C & J	UH-1D	3 sorties
Gunships	UH-1B	3 sorties
Resupply	CH-47	1 sortie

g. 3rd Abn Bn employed 15 night ambushes; conducted a S & D opn at XS775027-XS773830-XS776744-XS765797 and XS747814. Opn resulted in 2 detainees apprehended at XS755812.
 h. 1-1/65th Engr swept MSR to B Co fwd base; supervised the crossing of twin 40's at the BINH DINH and CUB TAIL Bridges, and continued fwd base devel. Two Aslt boats were returned to CU CHI.
 (3) Civil affairs: A MEDCo was conducted at XS748815 where 98 patients were treated. MARCHU Helipad was used for a VN dustoff for a child struck by a US vehicle on Hwy 4.

6 Jan 67

(1) Concept: Bn employ 9 night ambush ptls, B Co secures the MG: fwd of their base for recon work. A and C Co continues work on fwd bases and maintain TO & E equip. A Co and 2 3rd Abn Bn Cos cordons and searches BINH CHANH 3 & 4.
 (2) Operations:
 a. Co A employed ambush ptls at XS726800-XS703799 and XS713802. Commencing at 0200 A Co cordoned the SW half of BINH CHANH 3 & 4 in prep for search. Natl police conducting the search, apprehended 34 detainees. One plt from C Co and the Recon plat were under the OPCON of A Co for the msn.
 b. Co B employed night ambushes at XS781789-XS793778 and XS733762. MSR cleared at 0816, const work on MSR continued E of B Co fwd base. B Co prov scty and conducted MEDCo.
 c. Co C employed ambush ptls at XS755793-XS783801 and XS775806. Ptl reported 3 booby traps and 1 pressure release mine at XS767792. One detainee apprehended at XS782301. One plt atnd to A Co for cordon and search msn.
 d. HHC continued admin/log spt. Recon plat assisted in cordon of BINH CHANH; prov scty to wheeled convoys in the area. AT plat (-) prov scty for veh convoys. 4.2 mort plat fired 2 rds HE in spt of 4/9 opns, and continued gun emplacement const.

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- e. 7/11 Arty fired 53 HE rds, 3 rds Ill.
- f. 116th Helicopter Asslt Co prov:

C & C	UH-1D	1 sortie
Resupply	UH-1D	1 sortie
- g. 3rd Bn En employed 16 night ambush ptls. At 0136, 2 3rd Bn En started cordon of RM half of DMH CH 3 & 4, assisted Natl Police and Co 4 in search of area. One Co remains at BLN DLT Brdg, one Co remains at fwd base (XS733843).
- h. 1st/65th Engr continued work on MSR and base camp. Work consisted of 4 loads of laterite and gravel work E of P Co fwd base to XS733763.

(3) Civil affairs: Two MEDGAS conducted. B Co treated 58 patients. C Co treated 60 patients. The 30th POWNR En used loudspeakers to assist in the cordon and search of DMH CH 3 and 4.

7 Jan 67

(1) Concept: En conducts 9 ambush ptls. C Co moves to QUN TH DMH by motor convey and estb a bushmaster pl base. B Co sends 1 pl to secure C Co fwd base and secures MSR for engr work. A Co conducts eagle flt and continues work on fwd base.

(2) Operations:

- a. A Co employed night ambush ptls at XS705703-XS714788 and XS721799. The pl at XS705703 saw 6 pacs moving from the tree line W of their loc. At 0645 Recon plnt intercepted them on Hwy 4 and brought 5 detainees back to the interrogation ctr. One sqd was prov for scy of C Btry 7/11 Arty at XS70920. A Co continued work on fwd base and prov reaction force for C Co mvt.
- b. B Co employed night ambush ptls at XS793792-XS786754 and XS792758; prov scy for engr work on MSR; conducted eagle flt at XS773760 at 0334. At 0810 reported 6 WL from a booby trap at XS773759 and requested blastoff. Blastoff, completed at 0912, revd 24 fire on departure. B Co destroyed 20 bunkers with overhead cover, 2 booby traps at XS-773759, and closed fwd base at 1230. One plnt was sent to secure C Co fwd base.
- c. C Co employed night ambush ptls at XS754783-XS776773 and XS757772. Co C and attached 4.2 mort sect began mvt to QUN TH DMH to estb bushmaster opn at 1300 and closed at 1405.
- d. HHC continued admin/log spt. Recon plnt prov scy for C Co's mvt and local convey. AT plnt (-) prov scy for local convey.
- e. C-7/11 Arty moved 4 How from CU CHI base to XS77292 to spt C Co.

- f. 7/11 Arty fired 14 rds HE and 5 rds IR on 2 mns.
- g. 116th Helicopter Asslt Co prov C & C air from 0630-1100. 71st Helicopter Asslt Co prov C & C from 1300 to 1545.

Troop lifts	UH-1D	5 sorties
Gunships	UH-1B	2 sorties
C & C	UH-1D	2 sorties
Resupply	UH-1D	1 sortie
Medical	UH-1D	1 sortie

h. 3rd Bn En conducted 16 night ambush ptls. One Co secured the DMH DMH Bridge. Co size search opn was conducted at XS713852 with no results.

i. 1st/65th Engr, continued repair of MSR E of P Co fwd base, destroyed approx 10 hewnado gran. Completed dozer work to jct of Hwy 4, continued base camp devel by putting 3 loads of laterite in the arty area for an ammo dump, and graded the road in the En fwd base.

(3) Civil affairs: 4/9 Inf Prov Dist Hq 5 sets of FM's in English-Vietnamese, 4.2 mort refresher tag 101, and a 12 week rec tag 101 for use in RF/RF tag. POWNR meeting in SAIGON indicated that POWNR will send letters to the VC families in DMH CH 3 and 4 and will follow them up with personal visits. Next work, programmed in discussion of Chieu Hoi effectiveness in getting VC weapons and capt. 300,000 SP leaflets (Chieu Hoi) to be printed and distributed.

8 Jan 67

(1) Concept: En employs 6 sqd ambush ptls and 4 reinf sqd ambush ptls on night of 7 Jan. A Co conducts eagle flt, continues consty, prov scy and for C-7/11 Arty. B Co continues scy of MSR for engr work and C Co fwd base. C Co maintains 4 reinf sqd bushmaster ptls.

(2) Operations:

- a. A Co employed night ambush ptls at XS735794-XS721803 and XS733734 and conducted 3 eagle flt. The first at XS809772, landed with no fire but received fire from an island at XS710775 and a house just N of the island. Gunships returned fire. A search in zone resulted in 13 detainees who were evoc to the En fwd base by helicopter. Taking advan-

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Trop. Lift	W.C.D	36 sorties
Gunners	W.C.B	8 sorties
Log. Sq.	W.C.T	1 sortie

(3) Civil affairs: Coord with 32-15440 Bn for speaker jeep to announce H200 PB at T3 1500 4 per Jan 10 off. Air delivered 20,000 Chieu Hoi and was received by the VC Co command at X50923, X50926, X57196, and X57195.

(1) Concept: C Co continues; Bushmaster ops in Td 22th Dist. A Co and B Co employ 6 sq plis in 22th Dist. 2 Co continues to secure C Co fuel base and USA for com. 2 Co plans 1 sq to secure the Bde Hqs. A Co continues to prep only sq for Army at 1st Bde. Co (-) stands down.

c. A Co-employee, night shift, dash file at X5726734 and X5713302. One not remained stand to say for Co-Party at TOL BEM. Co (-) has a stand down in prep for own 10 J-n.

On 6 Dec 1991 at 0415Z, 22nd AF Bde and continue to employ 4 bushmaster guns at X5719937, X5798962, X5719255, and X5719999. At 1800-1900, 1st fire unit made fire, probes at X5715952 which resulted in 3 VC KIA (C85) and 1 ChiCom captured or killed. At 1812, a plt at X5712960 received AM fire from 5 VC, called in mort fire with unobs results. After 2000, all bushmaster units moved to new units, at X5712961, X5717969, X5730-074, and X5719983. At 1940, the X5719999, plt took 2 armed VC under fire. A search of the area revealed 1 VC killed.

1 MG KI. (0.05%) and 1 MG KI. (0.05%).

f. 2-1/2" x 1" x 1/2" 23 + corrosion resistance.

1300 resupply of 1000 lbs. flown on a C-47 ref. Ago 2nd airstrike on bunker complex at K 5742 resulted in 1 bunker destroyed and 4 bunkers destroyed. 1000 750 lb bombs and eight 750 lb high bombs were expended.

4. 3rd Abn Div conducted 16 night operations: conducted a S & D op in the area bounded by X57266, X57267, X57282, X57360, X57532, and X57536 with no results. One cc continued to the 1st ABN CO. 1st ABN CO

231 utilizing seven loads of laterite. The Brg at 233 100% is completed

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and a Vietnamese school senior set was received.

(2) Civil affairs: 30th AVN BN conducted a MEDCAP at TAN QUI TAY. Dent and med patients were treated. Coord to prov assistance in opening the school adj to the C Co fwd base was eff.

10 Jan 67

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(1) Concept: Bn employs 5 night ambush patrols. C Co continues its bushmaster ops with 2 close-in sqd ambush ptls. Following LZ prep by TAC air, prov, and armed helicopters. The 3rd Abn lands in LZ 3 at XS670-845 and LZ 4 at 0750. The 1st Abn lands in LZ 1 at XS65817 and LZ 2 at XS65835 at 0750. Units conduct a search in zone. The 3rd Abn lands 1 co in LZ 5 at XS65815 and LZ 6 at XS673815 at 0800 to estb a block posn. The TF extracts by air on completion of search. Arty spt prov by A7-11 Arty. GAB prov by 7th AF.

(2) Operations:

a. A Co employed night ambush ptls at XS713797 and XS731787. With 1 plat of E Co extracted made an air asslt of 2 LZs at XS657286 and XS66118, searched both sides of the RACH NGA CAN River and the W side of the RACH RIT River to the BEN LUC River resulting in 25 bunkers destroyed, 2 detainees, and 1 lb of documents captured. A Co destroyed evidence at XS665832 that several caches had been recently relocated. Circular objcs as barrels or urns had been removed from the ground. No a late, and the lack of civilians in the area, it is felt that the opn was compromised. One sqd attached to C7-11 Arty for security of TAN BINH INH. The unit prov a 12 man reaction force.

b. D Co employed 3 ambush ptls at XS775768, XS782784, and XS770760.

c. C Co employed 2 bushmasters at XS719953 and XS743973. At 0745, the ptls at XS743973 during their ambush resulting in 1 VC KIA (BC).

d. HC continued admin/log spt. Recon plat prov escort for resupply opns and secured the LZ at 0800 for the helicopter ops. LZ plan escorted the convoy from CU CHI to BINH CHANH and return. Recon plat continued spt of C Co opns.

e. A7-11 Arty fired 121 rds HE and 1 rd WP for LZ prep and 2 rds III.

f. C7-11 Arty remained in spt of C Co.

g. The 25th Avn Bn, 71st Avn Co, 11 Avn Bn, and the 145th Avn Bn prov:

Trooplift	UH-1D	84 Sorties
CAC	UH-1D	2 Sorties
Gunships	UH-1B	16 Sorties
Resupply	CH-47	1 Sortie
MC-119C	UH-1D	1 Sortie

The 25th Avn Bn PF Det prov ground control at both BZ.

h. 3rd Abn Bn employed 15 night ambush ptls. One co made an air asslt at XS670845 and XS677045, searched on both sides of the RACH NGA CAN River and the E side of the RACH RIT River. One co made an air asslt at XS677045 and XS677115 to estb block posns; results were 23 bunkers destroyed, and 2 Chicom grenades captured. One co continued to secure the BIEN DIEN Bdg.

i. 1st 45th Engr: supt MSR to B Co for mines; prov 1 demo rm to 3rd Abn Bn; began road repair for the 50th Inf Regt (XS742-766 to XS717767); delivered material and prepared the site for 45 ft dry span ordg at RACH KIEN.

(3) Civil Affairs: In conjunction with the AM opn, Chieu Hoi and wond for rds leaflets were dropped from XS7348 SH to XS6382.

11 Jan 67

(1) Concept: Bn employs 6 night ambush ptls in BINH CHANH. C Co continues bushmaster ops at TAN BINH. A Co provides scty for MEDCAP at AN ICH Bdg, 1 sqd to clear MSR, and the unit will conduct checkmate at the junction of Km 231 and Hwy 5A at TAN BINH. C Co continues bushmaster ops in TAN BINH.

(2) Operations:

a. A Co employed night ambush ptls at XS731784, XS713799, and XS725790. Provided 1 scty for MEDCAP scty, 1 sqd to conduct checkmate, and 1 scty remained attached to C7-11 Arty as scty. Checkmate via XS733-800 resulted in 5 detainees.

b. B Co employed sqd ambush patrols at XS795770 and XS792-776; provided 1 plat to secure C Co fwd base and 1 sqd to secure Pde Hq. A Checkmate was conducted at XS73353, with no results.

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c. C Co employed reinforced sqd ambush patrols at XS725965 and XS719966. Bushmaster patrol at XS697964 received fire at 1515. Fire was returned by arty, armed helicopters, mort and SA. At 1650, reaction force received 1 WL while assisting the bushmaster. VC contact continued into hours of darkness.

d. HHC continued admin/log spt. Recon plat provided convoy escort. AT plat escorted the convoy from CU CHI to BINH CHANH and return. 4.2 Mortar plat remained in DS of C Co operations.

e. 4-7/11 Arty fired 8 rds HE in spt of 4/9 operations.
f. C-7/11 Arty fired 2 rds WP and 43 rds HE in spt of C Co operations.

g. 69th Helicopter Asslt Co provided:

C & C	UH-1D	1 sortie
Troop lift	UH-1D	20 sorties
Gunships	UH-1B	12 sorties
Resupply	CH-47	1 sortie
MEOVAC	UH-1D	3 sorties

h. 3rd ABN BN employed 15 night ambush patrols; conducted eagle flight at XS735607. Initially, the flight received 47 fire and did not land. Gunships struck the area and the flight landed on the 2nd attempt. The reaction force landed and joined the 1st lift. Warm rice, small arms ammo, and food carrying equipment discovered in the VC base, while securing a LZ, 3 ARVN were WL by a booby trap at XS733004. The unit was extracted at 1040.

i. 1-1/65th Engr continued bulldozer and grader work on Hwy 231. Six loads of 1-tonite were used. Road is 75% complete (XS730-775 to XS304763).

(3) Civil affairs: 1. MEDCAP treated 46 patients at AN LOC Bldg (XS756656). A Chieu Hoi from XS875791 rallied to interrogation cntr. 12 Jan 67

(1) Concept: D conducts 5 night ambushes in the BINH CHANH area. C Co employs 4 bushmaster patrols at BINH CHANH. A Co conducts eagle fit to search DA PHUOC 7 (XS817791). B Co moves by motor to assist in search of DA PHUOC 7.

(2) Operations:

a. C Co employed sqd ambush ptls at XS700783, XS703799, and XS727773. An air aslt to seal and search DA PHUOC hamlet 7 (XS817-791) was conducted results 1 VC KIA (IC) and the capture of 1 SRG, 1 M-1 carbine, 1000 rds SA ammo, 14 grenades and misc gear. 1 total of 3 booby traps were destroyed. Two bunkers and 2 tunnels were destroyed at XS726-792.

b. B Co employed 2 squad ptls at XS773707 and XS790755: unit moved by veh to XS70793, established blocking psn for the A Co air aslt. 2 Chieng rifles, 1-45 cal pistol, 1 miniature handgun, 117 rds SA ammo, 10 grenades, misc gear and 21 detainees were captured, including 1 VC sqd Ltr and 1 sqd Ltr.

c. C Co continued bushmaster ops. Bushmaster at XS697-944 made contact with an est 30-40 VC. Arty, mort, and armed helicopter fire was called on the VC psn. A search of the area resulted in 6 VC KIA (70), 4 small arms gun mag, 2 M-26 grenades, and 2 pistol belts. A later report from an agent stated that an additional 20 VC were killed. The agent saw the bodies carried to the village at XS719924. The bushmaster continued at XS697944, XS703921, XS715925, and XS725922. One detainee was apprehended at 1145 at XS683905. 1 booby trap destroyed at XS704920.

d. HHC continued admin/log spt. Recon plat prov escort to C Co area. AT plat escorted the convoy from CU CHI and return.

e. 4-7/11 Arty moved 2 How to XS737773 to spt the Dn opn. The battery fired 2 rds WP and 24 rds HE.

f. C-7/11 Arty remained at BINH CHANH to spt C Co.

g. 118th Helicopter Asslt Co prov:

C & C	UH-1D	1 sortie
Troop lift	UH-1D	18 sorties
Gunship	UH-1B	6 sorties
Resupply	CH-47	1 sortie
MEOVAC	UH-1D	1 sortie

h. 3rd ABN BN employed 14 night ambush ptls. Fwd base at XS731823 received 5 mort rds at 1815 near their perimeter. Arty fire was returned. One detainee was apprehended at 1930, (XS722822). A conducted S & D opn from XS7281, XS7283, and XS7593 w/o contact.

i. 1-1/65th Engr air MSR to C Co fwd base.

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j. Miscellaneous: In Co requested M-55 quad 50 DS of to-days air opn. Div Arty stated the wps system must be employed in pairs. Two systems are at C Co bushmaster base. 1 system round mounted, the other mobile. Request to employ the mobile system in JS 4/9 convoy was denied.

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(3) Civil affairs: An airborne broadcast was made to residents of Di PHUOC 7 telling them to move out of the village and urging surrounded VC to surrender. 10,000 SF931, 10,000 24D and 20,000 FO19 leaflets were air dropped at XS8078, XS8587, and XS8477. MEDCAP to be conducted 13 Jan at TAN QUI TAY was announced.

13 Jan 67

(1) Concept: In employs 5 ambush ptls in the BINH CHANH area. C Co continues bushmaster opns. A Co conducts eagle flts in AO. D Co secures the MSR for engr work, secures C Co fwd base and estbs bushmaster base at XS820750. 3rd Abn conducts an opn at XS795845.

(2) Operations:

a. A Co employed night ambush ptls at XS709805, XS717804, and XS706735. Conducted air aslt into 3 LZ's at XS681829. Heavy ga fire was received going into LZ's. C & C aircraft received several hits and landed at XS680850. Downed ship was secured by a force from B Co and later extracted by CH-47. B Co reaction force was committed at 1030 and landed on the N side of the objective. The situation was developed with arty, Tac air, and armed helicopters. All elements linked up to sweep the area. Results were 10 VC KIA (BO), 10 VC KIA (ROSS), 1 Thompson SMG captured, 50 bunkers destroyed, and misc capt captured. All elements were extracted by air at 1815. Scty sqd for C-7/11 Arty fwd fire base at TAN BINH returned to BINH CHANH at 1330. A Co suffered 2 KIA and 6 WLI one of whom DOW.

b. D Co employed night ambush ptls at XS783788 and XS769-789, prov reaction force for A Co opn. Reaction force was committed 1030 hrs, suffered 1 WLI, extracted at 1805 hrs. The unit continued to prov security for C Co's fwd base and Hq at TAN LUC. Bushmaster opn delayed due to commitment of reaction force.

c. C Co employed 4 bushmaster ptls at XS713924, XS725937, XS724949, and XS709932. Opn ended with C Co returning to TAN QUI TAY at 1350 hrs.

d. HHC continued admin/log spt. Recon plnt prov LZ scty and convoy escort. AT plnt escorted the convoy from CU CHI and rtn. Hvy mortar sect in supt of C Co at TAN BINH returned to TAN QUI TAY.

e. A-7/11 Arty fired 2 rds WP and 26 rds HE.

f. C-7/11 Arty returned to CU CHI at 1350 hrs.

g. The 113th Assault Helicopter Co prov support for opn. 69th Assault Helicopter Co assisted in extraction. C & C shut down at XS680350 extracted by CH-47 at 1100.

C & C	UH-1D	1 sortie
Troop lifts	UH-1D	52 sorties
Gunships	UH-1B	16 sorties
Resupply	CH-47	1 sortie
MEDEVAC	UH-1D	2 sorties

TAC airstrike 1600 hrs from XS699853 to XS701853, ordnance expended was 2-750 lb bombs, 4-500 lb bombs and 6-750 lb napalm bombs.

h. 3rd Abn in employed 15 night ambush ptls with no contact. 2 co were airlifted into LZ's at XS701839 and XS704342 and moved SE along the KINH LONG Canal. Two additional companies moved NW to meet the airlifted forces. The opn resulted in 19 detainees apprehended.

i. 1-1/65th Engr cleared MSR from BINH CHANH to D Co. Repair continued on Hwy 231 from XS723773 to XS800764 utilizing bulldozer and grader to spread 3 loads of laterite.

(3) Civil affairs: MEDCAP at TAN QUI TAY treated 87 patients. The 30th POLARON bn conducted PSYOPS at TAN KIEN #4.

14 Jan 67

(1) Concept: In employs 5 ambush ptls in the BINH CHANH area. B Co moves to a bushmaster site at XS322753, establishes multiple ambushes. C Co secures B Co fwd base with 1 plnt. A Co continues base development.

(2) Operations:

a. A Co employed sqd ambush ptls at XS727730, XS804799; prov MEDCAP and MSR scty. MEDCAP conducted at BINH CHANH Hospital.

b. B Co prov road const security and conducted sweep opn near fwd base. Scty units received several rds of SA fire at XS805755. VC fled when fire was returned with SA and M-79. Unit established bushmaster CP and reaction force vic XS828754. Reinf sqd bushmasters at XS-818761, XS826763, XS834759 and XS833755. Bushmaster at XS826763 engaged

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sampan at 2320 resulting in 4 VC KIA(BC) and one sampan destroyed.

c. C Co employed night ambush ptls at XS776795 and XS775-808: prov 1 plat for scty of MSR and estb local scty around base, 1 plat secured B Co base.

d. HHC prov admin/log spt. Recon plat prov scty of MSR convoys. AT plat escorted convey from Co CHI and rtn. Hwy mort plat (-) continued spt of fwd bases.

e. A-7/11 arty fired 85 rds of HE and 2 rds WP. Arty fire resulted in 1 VC KIA(BC) 2 VC KIA(POSS) and 1 sampan destroyed at XS681374.

f. 116th Helicopter Asslt Co prov C & C ship from 0715-1330. Resupply off by one CH-47 sortie.

g. 3rd Avn Bn employed 12 night ambush ptls; conducted S&D opn at 10 separate locations w/o results.

h. 1-4/65th Engr repaired Hwy 231 with a bulldozer, grader, and 5 loads of Interite, opening road to Jet Hwy 5A. Completed bunkers at C Co fwd base.

(3) Civil affairs: A MEDICAL at MINH CHINH Hospital treated 56 patients. 6200 piasters were paid to HOI CHI for info leading to capture of capt. The 24th PSYOPS Co prov 100,000 Chieu Hoi leaflets. The 30th POLW unit is printing 60,000 HOI CHI leaflets for T. BHUT (hamlet 1).

15 Jan 67

(1) Concept: C conducts 6 night ambush ptls in the MINH CHI area. B Co continues bushmaster opn, returns to base. A Co prov MSR scty. C Co prov reaction force for 2/14th opn. C Co secures B Co fwd base.

(2) Operations:

a. A Co employed sqd ambushes at XS734791, XS714780, and XS705794.

b. B Co continued bushmaster opn, returned to fwd base at 1100.

c. C Co employed night ambush ptls at XS702782, XS767792, and XS757773.

d. HHC prov admin/log spt. Recon plat prov escort for resupply opns. AT plat escorted convey from Co CHI and return. Mort plat remained at C Co fwd base.

e. The 116th Helicopter Asslt Co provided a C & C acft. Resupply was by 1 sortie of CH-47.

f. A-7/11 fired 20 rds of HE, 1 rd of WP, and 10 rds H & I fires.

g. 3rd Avn Bn employed 12 night ambush ptls; conducted search and destroy opns in 3 areas, bounded by XS7582, XS7282, and XS7180, by XS7083, XS7081 and XS7383, by XS7186, XS7184, XS7584, and XS7586. Negative contact.

h. 1-4/65th Engr continued road const from XS741760, to XS762762 With a bulldozer and 3 loads of Interite, continued improvement of fwd bases.

(3) Civil affairs: Preparations were made to spt tomorrow's air assault with leaflets oriented towards superior US fire power.

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(1) Concept: Following on LZ preparation by T. C air, arty, and armed helicopters, 3rd Avn lands 1 co in LZ 2 and 1 co in LZ4, 4th AVNCHUS Land Co (-) in LZ 1 and 3, establish fwd base, resupplies with ammo and barrier material, conducts extensive ambush opns.

(2) Operations:

a. A Co reinf with 1 plat from B Co, conducted air assault into 2 LZs at XS682851 and XS687352. The elem which landed at XS682851 moved SW to secure the area for the resupply opns, the element which landed at XS687352 estb local scty, off-loaded resupply helicopters, and started preparing a permanent fwd base perimeter. VC contact was light.

b. B Co employed sqd ambushes at XS738763 and XS738763; attached 1 plat to A Co and assumed security of the C Co fwd base. The squad at T. C returned.

c. C Co employed night ambushes at XS758773 and XS765-793, prov a downed helicopter reaction force on LZ Charlie, and assumed security of Bn base.

d. HHC prov admin/log spt. Recon plat secured the LZ, escorted wheeled veh convoys; attached one NCO to the 3rd Avn Bn for commo liaison.

e. A-7/11 Arty fired 11 rds WP and 229 rds HE. Survl reported 8 VC KIA(POSS).

F. 25th Avn Bn and the 69th Helicopter Asslt Co prov:

Trooplift and C&C

UH-1D

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Gunships	UH-1B	12 sorties
Resupply	CH-47	12 sorties
ASUP 47	UH-1D	3 sorties

Gunships from the 69th Helicopter Asslt Bn accounted for 2 VC KIA (JC), 2 VC KIA (POSS), 1 bunker destroyed, and 1 sampen destroyed. TAC air flew 18 sorties. F.C aircraft was hit at 1150 at XS680844. Made an emergency landing at HUC HQ. TAC air was credited with 4 VC KIA (POSS), 1 VC KIA (BC), 1 sampen destroyed, and 2 VC houses destroyed.

g. 3rd Abn Bn employed 13 night ambush ptls. The 34th Co conducted an air aslt at XS686849. Light sniper fire was received. The 31st Co conducted an air aslt at XS702841 w/o contact. Both units secured their areas and commenced preparation of a permanent base. Resupply was prov by a IF LCVP. A H-55 was placed by CH-47 in the 34th Co base.

h. 1-A/65th Engr prov chain saw and mine detector tms for A Co and 3rd Abn Bn to assist in const. One sqd replaced 25ft of plank-ing on the C.U. TRAM Bldg.

(3) Civil affairs: A MEDICAL at C.U. HUP, (XS662923) treated 87 patients, broadcast music and current news, dist newspapers, period-icals, and calendars, and showed a propaganda film to 300 viewers.

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(1) Concept: The Bn (-) employs 5 covered ambush ptls. A Co continues to develop fnd base. A Co employs 3 recon sqd ptls in new fnd. B Co plan remains atchd to A Co. B Co secures C Co fnd base. C Co con-ducts checkouts at XS51725 from 0800-1000; conducts base camp improve-ment and maint of eqpt. One sqd from C Co secures MSR for engr mainte-nance. B Co plot clears MSR.

(2) Operations:

a. A Co employed sqd ambush ptls at XS654311, XS685826, and XS694731. At 2125, the ptl at XS694331 engaged 3 VC in a conyn. Results were 1 VC KIA (BC) and 2 VC KIA (POSS). A Co continued base const. At 1449, the unit conducted a co (-) sweep to XS671853 and XS674248 where sqd stay-behind ptls were placed. Co returned at 1925 w/o incident. B Co plot returned to B Co fnd base at 1630.

b. B Co employed sqd ambush ptls at XS754795 and XS783765. The co continued security of 2 fnd bases on Rt 231. One plot with 2 M42s moved by vehicle at 0950, established blocking posn at XS318761, in conjunction with C Co eagle flt. Opn terminated at 1258. Two scout dog tms were attached on 17 Jan 67.

c. C Co employed sqd ptls at XS708763, XS697783, and XS701733. A VC attempted escape and was shot by the MI H CHANH Dist Police in front of C Co perimeter. At 1042, the co (-) landed unopposed on two LZs at XS642763 and XS64765, found 2 hand grenades at XS621764, and extracted at 1110.

d. MED prov chain/log support. AT plot prov round trip convoy escort to MED CHANH. Recon plot prov escort for MSR clr, secured the fnd strip for heliborne op. A local resupply, and performed oral escort.

e. A-7/11 Army fired 7 rds WP and 8 rds HE. Two guns A-7/11 displaced to fnd fire base at XS79785 in spt of eagle flt.

f. The 71st Aslt Helicopter Co and gde Avn Det prov:

Troop 1-61	UH-1D	20 sorties
Gun str	UH-1B	6 sorties
Resupply	UH-1D	2 sorties
C & S	UH-1D	2 sorties
C & S	OH-23	1 sortie
Resupply	CH-47	1 sortie

g. 3rd Abn Bn employed 12 sqd ptls. The 34th and 31st Cos continued improvement of fnd bases via XS684853 and XS702840. The 32nd Co at XS75383 conducted a sweep of its base periphery. The 33rd Co secured the fnd base at XS705611.

h. Engr: 2-A/65th cleared MSR to B Co base, continued work on the damaged C.U. TRAM Bldg at XS740760, dispatched 3 chain saw tms to the A Co fnd base.

(3) Civil affairs: MEDICAL at HUNG LONG village treated 146 patients. News, current affairs, and music were broadcast to village residents. A propaganda film was shown to approximately 250 people. 700 lbs of milled wheat was dist to most needy families. The bi-weekly MEDICAL by Co C at the HUNG CHANH Maternity Hospital treated 36 patients. Children's cloth-ing donated by civic clubs of Farmingdale New York was presented to 9 families (23 children) of deceased FRA/T personnel.

18 Jan 67

(1) Concept: A Co employs sqd ambush ptl at XS64733, contin-ues development of fnd bases on Rt 231, prov reaction force for C Co eagle flt.

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(2) Operations:

a. 1 Co employed 2 sqd stay behind ptls at XT676855 and XT673847. Neither had contact. A plat ambush ptl departed at 0100 for XS674840. At 1145 the plat sighted 5 armed VC at XS669853. Arty and 81mm mort were fired on the enemy pos resulting in 2 VC KIA (DC). Plat was extracted at 1627. At 1817 hrs the co base received ineffective sniper fire. Suppressing fire silenced the sniper.

b. B Co employed sqd ambush ptls at XS775758 and XS750783. 1st plat established blocking posn vic XS791765 in support of C Co eagle flt. Plat was in posn at 1005, returned to base at 1555.

c. C Co employed ambush ptls via XS721803, XS740795, and XS790785. Co conducted an eagle flt at 1008 hrs via XS807754. Two M-42 vehicles and 1st plat Co B blocked on Rt 231 at XS797764. The co received fire from a house at XS665750 upon extraction. Plat landed on a second "W" via XS601752 and maneuvered toward the source of fire. The twin 40mm silenced the fire. One mals detainee was apprehended and extracted by air at 1600. Reaction force remained on strip alert during the opn.

d. EAC provided admin/log spt. AT plat remained under OPCON of the Recon plbt and escorted the convoy from CU CHI. Recon plat secured the Bn strip for the eagle flt and prov escort for MSR clr opn.

e. Arty: 4-7/11 fired 27 105mm HE rds and 1 WP rd.

f. Avn: 71st Helicopter Assault Co prov:

1st Plt	1st Plt	1 Sortie
Troop 1st Plt	1st Plt	23 Sorties
Gunships	1st Plt	9 Sorties
Scout Plt	1st Plt	1 Sortie

g. 3rd Avn Bn employed 32 sqd ambush ptls. The 31st and 31st Cos continued fwd base const while the 32nd and 33rd Cos conducted local sety sweeps. No contact was reported. Resupply was by PF boat.

h. Engr: 4-4/64th Engr Bn RT to B Co base, cut 4 bunker kits and performed driver and gunner work via XS760762. Six loads of laterite were hauled for use on 46th Inf (ARVN) MSR. Repair of the damaged GAV TRAM Bn continued.

(3) Civil affairs: MEDCAP conducted at the CMH GIUOC Bldg for the 11st BF Co dependents and local patients treated a record 234 patients. The 40th POLMER played news tapes on current affairs and showed movies. Numerous VC propaganda leaflets were found on Rt 231 at XS804762 and XS182758. Leaflets were directed toward the US soldier.

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(1) Concept: A Co continues fwd base const, conducts night ambush opns. B Co prov MSR sety to RJ Hwy 5A and Rt 231, conducts search opn V of Rt 231 enroute back to base. C Co prov 30 man reaction force for 3rd Avn eagle flt, prov MEDCAP sety. Recon plat and Engr plat clr Rt 231 for road opening ceremony.

(2) Operation:

a. A Co employed sqd ambush ptls at XS635836 and XS690837. The co (-) conducted a sweep opn at 1530 from XS696843 to XS698832 to XS686827 to XS694949. Plat stay behind ptl remained at XS693832. After dark the plat moved to XS695822 and estb ambush. The co (-) closed base at 1830.

b. C Co employed sqd ambush ptls via XS805765, XS777758, and XS74133. MSR clr at 0745. Sety for ribbon cutting ceremony positioned from C-4/9 fwd base to the RJ of Rt231 and Hwy 5A. On termination of the ceremony the co (-) conducted a sweep to the N of Rt231 approximately 300 mtrs in depth and W to the B-4/9 fwd base. The unit closed at 1300.

c. C Co employed sqd ambush ptls at XS705792, XS713802, and XS702783. The unit estb a checkmate at 1420 on Hwy 4 vic XS716786. The checkmate apprehended 4 detainees. Terminated at 1620.

d. EAC prov admin/log spt. Recon plat prov escort for MSR clr tm, secured the Bn PZ for aerial resupply. AT plat escorted convoy from CU CHI and return. Hwy mort plat conducted registration at 1300.

e. Arty: 4-7/11 fired 33 HE and 1 WP in set of opns.

f. Avn: 71st Helicopter Assault Co, 1st Bn, and the 25th Avn Bn prov acft spt. A FAC was on sta at 0737 and 1551. At 1551 the FAC adjusted arty fire on 6 VC in black uniforms at XS666865. No surv reported. Troop 1st Plt 21 sorties. Gunships UN-1B 4 sorties.

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Resupply	UH-1D	1 sortie
Resupply	CH-47	1 sortie
C & C	H-23	1 sortie
C & C	UH-1D	1 sortie

g. The 3rd Abn employed 13 sqd ambush ptls. At 0350 the 33rd Co conducted an eagle flt at XS710860 and XS703865. Approx 100 fox-holes with overhead cover and 2 mines were found vic XS708851. Unit apprehended 2 male VCs vic XS709863. Extraction completed at 1012.

h. Engr: 2-4/65th Engr clr Rt 231 to Hwy 5A. Grader work performed on the 46th Inf (L-RVN) MSR. 2 loads of laterite were dist on the turn around road vic XS762762. Repair on the brdg at CAU TUA 60% complete.

(3) Civil affairs:

a. MEDCAP conducted at AN HU TAY treated 32 patients. POLMAR tm showed propaganda films, dist pamphlets, leaflets, and explained GVN programs and goals to the population. A ceremony was conducted at TAN QUI TAY to officially open Rt 231 from DINH CHANH to QUI DUC. US forces represented by 1st and 2nd CO. GVN represented by Dist and Prov Chiefs. Following the ceremony the party drove the rt. Brdg materials furnished to Hamlet Chief of C.OW HIEP for const of a 60 foot brdg. Brdg will be const by residents of the Hamlet under supervision of US engr. An overload on the ferry at XS815775 resulted in 2 GMC trucks lost, the ferry destroyed, and three persons drowned.

20 Jan 67

(1) Concept: A Co leaves stay behind ptl at XS696322. Co(-) conducts normal base activities. B Co prov reaction force for C Co eagle flt and scy for MEDCAP at C-4/9 fwd base. B Co continues scy of 2 co bases, conducts night ambush ptls. C Co conducts eagle flt on tgb of opportunity. Recon plat secures MTR, and prov veh escort. Engr plat continues brdg and MSR repair at CAU TUA and AP LONG THOI.

(2) Operations:

a. A Co employed 2 sqd ambush ptls vic XS685835 and XS-690336 and 1 plat ptl at XS696322. At 1439, the plat returned at 1439 with 4 male detainees. B Co employed amb sh ptls at XS657780, XS732733, and XS794762. B Co secured a MEDCAP held at TAN QUI TAY with 1 squad. Unit conducted a reinforced plat sweep S2 of co base. Stay behind ptl remained at XS794758.

b. C Co employed 2 sqd ambush ptls inserted by hel at XS691773 and XS697782; ptl returned with no contact. The co (-) conducted a heliborne aslt vic XS604226, searched an obj vic XS664824, moved E to a stream jet vic XS653324 then N to XS667529. Documents and binnages were found at XS667324. 11 bunkers with overhead cover and some newly cut punji stakes were destroyed vic XS667825. All elements extracted by air at 1321.

c. MHC continued admin/log spt. Recon plat dispatched 2 veh in pursuit of men fleeing from C Co patrol. One man boarded a bus, the other continued by bicycle. One scout veh halted the bus and apprehended 7 male detainees. The other men evaded apprehension. Recon prov MSR escort, LZ and TZ scy. AT plat escorted the convey from CU CHI and rtn.

d. 2-7/11 fired 51 rds H& and 5 rds WP.

e. 113th Helicopter Asslt Co prov:

Trop lift	UH-1D	23 sorties
Gunships	UH-1B	3 sorties
Resupply	CH-47	1 sortie
Resupply	UH-1D	1 sortie
C & C	UH-1D	1 sortie

f. 3rd Abn Bn continued to improve 2 fwd base areas, conduct conrl scy msn, and saturation night ambushes. The 34th and 31st Cos conducted local plat sweeps around their bases.

g. Engr: 2-4/65 cleared the MSR, furnished 4 pre-fab bunker kits to 3rd Abn Bn and completed CAU TUA Brdg repair.

(3) Civil affairs: MEDCAP conducted at TAN QUI TAY treated 102 patients. 30th POLMAR tm showed propaganda films and dist posters and pamphlets.

21 Jan 67

(1) Concept: A Co continues base camp const and saturation ptl. B Co conducts security sweeps of fwd bases, and continues ambush ptl. C Co conducts a reinforced plat eagle flt 0900, continues saturation ptl and base scy msn. Recon plat secures TZ and conducts escort

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(2) Operations:

- a. A Co employed sqd ptl via XS680354 and XS676846. At 1040, the FAC reported 4 VC at XS680377. The VC were engaged with quad 50 fire from A Co base with no surveillance.
- b. B Co employed sqd ambushes at XS793738, XS797759, and XS757772. Provided a sqd to assist in clearing the MSR, conducted base activities and continued to secure both fwd bases on Rt 231.
- c. C Co employed 3 sqd ambush ptls. Flat eagle flt landed at XS681831 at 1015 w/o contact. 60 bunkers and 12 shelters with overhead cover were destroyed. At XS684831, a 50 crl box containing 3 lbs of documents was found. Extraction completed 1450 hrs.
- d. HHC prov admin/log spt. Recon plat prov security for the MSR and secured Ln strip at 0930 for eagle flt and resupply acft. AT plat escorted convoy from CU CHI and rtn.
- e. A-7/11 Arty fired 5 WP and 27 HE rds. Fire called for by A Co FO reported 1 VC KIA(FOSS).
- f. Avn: 118th Assault Helicopter Co and the 1st Ede Avn Det prov:

Troop lift	UH-1D	13 sorties
Gunships	UH-1D	4 sorties
Resupply	CH-47	1 sortie
Resupply	UH-1D	2 sorties
C & C	UH-1D	2 sorties
C & C	H-23	1 sortie

FAC on station from 0910 to 1100 directed quad 50 fire on 4 VC at XS680377, with unk results.

- g. 3rd Abn: Units continued development of fwd bases. The Ln employed 14 sqd ambush ptls. 32nd Co conducted S & D msn via XS-7462, XS7464, XS7592. The 33rd Co secured the Ln Hq and base.
- h. Engr: 2nd/65th Engr cbr MSR, hauled 4 loads of laterite to RCH KIEH and erected 2 bunker kits for 3rd Abn Bn.

(3) Civil affairs: MEDCAP at HUNG LONG and BINH CHANH Maternity Hosp. The 30th POLWAR tn at THU TAY village, utilized loudspeakers, pamphlets, and leaflets to counter VC propaganda.

22 Jan 67

- (1) Concept: A Co continues improvement of fwd base, effects resupply and conducts ambush ops. B Co secures fwd base on Rt 231 with 1 plat moves co (-) by veh to estb a bushmaster via XS757746. C Co secures the Ln base. Recon plat conducts escort and acft.

(2) Operations:

- a. A Co dispatched 2 sqd ptls to XS668352 and XS673852, one plat ptl to XS665353. The ptl at XS668352 triggered ambush at 0830 resulting in 2 VC KIA(BC), and one model 98 Mauser rifle captured. Arty fire resulted in 2 VC KIA(BC).
- b. B Co dispatched sqd ptls to XS796767, XS771763, and XS765796. Co (-) departed on bushmaster opn at 1610. The co CP and reaction force loc at XS767757 with the ambush site at XS790746.
- c. C Co dispatched sqd ptls to XS710783, XS703783, and XS717804. One ptl spotted nvt at XS711786 and XS710783. Arty was fired at 2005 with unk results. The ptl relocated to XS711790.
- d. HHC prov admin/log spt. Recon plat prov sec for MSR resupply and B Co movement to bushmaster base at 1610. AT plat prov escort for convoy from CU CHI and rtn.
- e. A-7/11 Arty fired 79 HE and 6 WP resulting in 2 VC KIA(FOSS).
- f. 118th Asslt Helicopter Co and the 1st Ede Avn Det prov:

Troop lift	UH-1D	12 sorties
Gunships	UH-1B	4 sorties
Resupply	UH-1D	2 sorties
Resupply	UH-1D	2 sorties
C & C	UH-1D	1 sortie
C & C	H-23	2 sorties

FAC adjusted arty fire on the VC contacted by Co A resulting in 2 VC KIA(FOSS).

- g. 3rd Abn Bn employed 14 ambush ptls. The Bn conducted an eagle flt from 0930-1130 with no contact.
- h. Engrs cleared MSR, hauled 6 loads of laterite to the CAU TRAM Brig.

(3) Civil affairs: None

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- (1) Concept: A Co continues fwd base improvement and ptl

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B Co continues bushmaster opns. C Co prov acty for B Co fwd bases and conducts an Eagle flt at XS693322.

(2) Operations:

a. A Co dispatched 2 sqd ptls to XS685829 and XS685834. These returned by 0930 w/o contact. Spent the remainder of the day in base development and local acty opns.

b. B Co continued Bushmaster opns with 1 plst at fwd base 1plst and the Co CP at XS767757, and one plst at XS790746. At 2120, the Bushmaster silenced sniper fire at XS790743 with 4.2 mort fire. At 0133 the Bushmaster noted mvt at XS782740. Arty was called in and 5 VC KIA (FOSS) resulted. At 1340, the Bushmaster received sniper fire at XS786742. Arty silenced the fire. At 1720 via XS786742, the Bushmaster received SA and grenade or 60mm mort fire. Fire was returned with SA and arty. A lt fire tm was called in.

c. C Co ptls at XS766780, XS705792, and XS713800 returned by 0720 with no contact. C Co executed 5 eagle flts at XS696822, XS697329, XS667824, XS670812, and XS666855. Two detainees were apprehended at the second LZ and 3 detainees were apprehended at the fourth LZ. At the final LZ, an est 7 VC were encountered. These were taken under fire by gunships and SA fire. Results of the opn were 2 VC KIA(BO), 4 VC KIA(FOSS), 1 chi-com carbine captured, 80 rds carbine ammo captured, 21 CBUs destroyed, 2 camouflaged sampans destroyed, assorted webbing captured and 1lb of documents captured.

d. HHC prov admin/log spt. Recon plat prov MSR and LZ security at 0330 at XS745733, the plat was guided to a claymore mine generator by an elderly Vietnamese. The individual was brought in, questioned and rewarded for giving the info. AT plat prov convoy escort from CU CHI and rtn.

e. 6-7/11 Arty fired 69 HE rds and 4 WP rds, resulting in 5 VC KIA(FOSS).

f. 17th Asst Helicopter Co prov:

Troop Lift	UH-1D	30 sorties
Gunships	UH-1B	30 sorties
Resupply	UH-1D	2 sorties
C & C	UH-1D	1 sorties
Resupply	CH-47	2 sorties

A FHC, on station at 0900 prov VR of the AO for C Co

Eagle Flt.

g. 3rd Abn Bn employed 14 sqd ambush ptls. All returned w/o contact.

h. Engr cleared the MSR, const 4 bunker kits for the 3rd Abn Bn at XS732728, delivered 6 loads of laterite to XS762762, performed engineering and dozing from XS742763 to XS762762, prov 6 men for A Co base development, and effected recon at XS749833.

(3) Civil Affairs: MEDCAP at AN QUI DONG treated 274 patients. Enroute to the MEDCAP a VC roadblock was destroyed at XS316757.

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(1) Concept: B Co continues its Bushmaster closing at 0900. C Co conducts 2 Checkmate opns. A Co continues devel of fwd base and multiple night ambush opns.

(2) Operations:

a. B Co Bushmaster made contact with an est 10-15 VC at XS786740 from 1720-1900. The bushmaster received SA and 60mm mort or rifle grenade fire. The reaction force was committed and arty, gunships, and SA fire were utilized against the VC resulting in 2 VC KIA(BO) and 5 VC KIA(FOSS). At 0809 the bushmaster received sniper fire which was silenced by arty fire. 17 bunkers and 2 booby traps in the area were destroyed. The bushmaster returned to the fwd base at 1309 with no further contact. At 1433, B Co was approached by a VC natl who stated that a VC sqd was loc at XS780730. A plst dispatched to the area made no contact.

b. C Co ptls at XS703804 and XS718789 returned w/o contact. C Co conducted a Checkmate at XS518753 from 1315-1647. Four persons were detained for further questioning.

c. HHC prov admin/log spt. Recon plat prov acty for MSR and B Co's veh move to fwd base. AT plat prov acty for the daily convoy from CU CHI.

d. 6-7/11 Arty fired 25 HE rds and 2 WP rds. The Arty was credited with 5 VC KIA(FOSS).

e. 25th Avn Bn and 1st Bde Abn Det prov:

C & C	UH-1D	1 sortie
C & C	H-25	1 sortie
Resupply	CH-47	2 sorties

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f. 3rd Abn Bn employed 13 sqd ambushes. All returned w/o contact.

g. Engrs replaced decking and installed treadway on brdg at XS733823, cleared the MSR, spread 6 loads of laterite at XS762762, and graded the road from XS741763 to XS762762.

(3) Civil Affairs: 50,000 rice tax leaflets were air delivered to XS7473, XS7272, and XS7277. A joint CG/APVH RECAP treated 43 patients at CHO HIEP. 30th OLMAR tm dist cooking oil and 400 lbs of rice to 22 needy families in the area. Propaganda and loudspeaker broadcast were delivered. Materials to construct a 60 ft brdg and technical instructions for const were given to the RF Bn in the area. Work was begun on the brdg by VN natls.

25 Jan 67

(1) Concept: C Co conducts a combined road clr and search mtn over the MSR. A Co continues fwd development, local scty sweeps, and ambushes. B Co conducts local security sweeps and ambushes.

(2) Operations:

a. A Co patrols at XS679854 and XS684341 returned by 0924 w/o contact. The Co spent the remainder of the day in base development and local security ops.

b. B Co dispatched 3 sqd ptls to XS757773, XS781781, and XS732755. At 0018 the ptl at XS732755 triggered its ambush on 2 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (OC) and 1 VC KIA (POSS). The ptl was relocated to XS710769. All ptls returned by 0732 w/o further contact. B Co spent the remainder of the day in local security ops.

c. C Co ptls at XS705739, XS730735, and XS718305, returned by 0810 w/o contact. From 0727 to 0935 a platoon from C Co conducted a combination road clr and search opn along the MSR to B Co. No contact was made. From 0900-1540 a platoon search was conducted vic XS7035 resulting in 3 detainees.

d. HHC prov admin/log spt. Recon platoon prov scty for liaison visits. AT platoon prov scty for the daily convey from CU CHI.

e. A-7/11 Arty fired 16 rds HE and 2 WP rds.

f. 147th Asslt Spt Helicopter Co, 25th Abn Bn and the 1st Bde Avn Det prov:

C & C	UH-1D	1 sortie
C & C	H-23	1 sortie
Resupply	CH-47	2 sorties
Resupply	UH-1D	3 sorties

g. 3rd Abn Bn employed 14 sqd ambushes. All returned w/o contact.

h. Engr support consisted of clearing the MSR to B Co, planking brdg on Rt 235 and grading Rt 233.

(3) Civil Affairs: HHC conducted at TLI KIEN treated 36 patients.

26 Jan 67

(1) Concept: A Co continues saturation platoon and base devel. B Co continues to secure 2 fwd bases. C Co prepares to conduct search ops.

(2) Operations:

a. A Co dispatched 3 sqd ptls to XS647863, XS651855, and XS659855. At 0530 the ptl at XS647863 sprung their ambush on 2 VC resulting in 1 VC KIA (OC), 1 VC KIA (POSS), one 38 Smith and Wesson revolver, various sub gear, 1 lb of documents captured. The ptl was reinforced by the other 2 ptls and began return to the Co fwd base. At 1125, the unit received intense sniper fire from an est 20 VC at XS660X55. The fire was silenced with SA, H-79, arty, gunships, and airstrikes. 1 US KIA was sustained and evaded by Dustoff at 1220. 5 VC KIA (POSS) resulted. The Co returned at 1450.

b. B Co ptls at XS752739, XS755776, XS765795, and XS736763 returned by 0757 w/o contact. The Co spent the remainder of the day in local scty ops and in prep for mtn to CU CHI.

c. C Co ptls at XS737773, XS766799, and XS712803 returned by 0901 w/o contact. The Co spent remainder of the day in prep for mtn to CU CHI.

d. HHC prov admin/log spt. Recon platoon prov scty for clearing the MSR. AT platoon prov scty for the daily convey from CU CHI.

e. A-7/11 Arty fired 17 rds HE and 1 WP rd in sct of bn ops.

f. 25th Avn Det, 147th Asslt Spt Helicopter Co and the 1st Bde Avn Det prov:

Resupply	UH-1D	2 sorties
C & C	UH-1D	2 sorties
C & C	H-23	1 sortie
Resupply	CH-47	2 sorties

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g. 3rd Abn Bn employed 15 ambushes. All returned w/o contact.

h. Engrs clr MSR, cut and delivered 2 bunker kits to 3rd Abn Bn graded the 3rd Abn MSR and completed repairs on 2 brds on Rt 233, and 3rd Abn MSR.

(3) Civil Affairs: 30th POLW.R tm showed news, sanitation, and propaganda films from 1900-2300. The unit then made 3 Chieu Hoi appeals by loudspeaker from XS755788, XS765774 ending at 260030 Sec. A MEDCAP at CHO DE treated 38 patients.

27 Jan 67

(1) Concept: The Bn clr MSR and continues prep for Opn Farmingdale. A Co conducts saturation night ptls and continues base improvement. B Co continues to secure the fwd bases on Rt 231. C Co conducts base activities and will send 1 plat on a weapons cache search msn to XS691780.

(2) Operations:

a. A Co ptls at XS684835 and XS690337 returned by 0730 w/o contact. A Co spent the remainder of the day in base devel and prep for future opns.

b. B Co ptls at XS775758, XS781789, XS752795 returned by 0505 w/o contact. From 1500-1630 a plat conducted a search for a cache reported by a Chieu Hoi at XS777758. Nothing was found.

c. C Co dispatched 3 sqd ptls to XS705793, XS761729 and XS714781. At 2004 the plt at XS714781 accidentally detonated a claymore. No casualties resulted and the plt was relocated to XS718750. All ptls returned by 0705 w/o contact. From 1101-1450 C Co conducted an Eagle Flt at XS669782 resulting in 19 detainees.

d. HHC prov admin/log spt. Recon plat prov MSR and LZ sety. AT plat prov sety for the daily convoy from CU CHI.

e. 4-7/11 Arty fired 20 HE rds.

f. 69th Asslt Helicopter Co and 147th Asslt Spt Helicopter Co prov:

Troop Lift	UH-1D	24 sorties
Gunships	UH-1B	2 sorties
C & C	UH-1D	3 sorties
Resupply	UH-1D	2 sorties
Resupply	CH-47	2 sorties

g. 3rd Abn Bn employed 13 sqd ambushes. All returned w/o contact.

h. Engrs clr MSR, continued const of ARVN Arty Club, and graded the Dist Police parking lot.

(3) Civil Affairs: MEDCAP at AM LOC treated 36 patients. 200 lbs of childrens clothing was given to BEN LUC Dist for distrib.

28 Jan 67

(1) Concept: 4/9 prepares to execute Opn Farmingdale and continues to secure its fwd bases on Rt 231 and the RICH T.M Canal. The Bn commences its relief at BEN CH.NH by the 3rd Bn, 7th Inf, 199th Inf Bde.

(2) Operations:

a. A Co dispatched 2 sqd ptls to XS669838 and XS668835.

At 1100, the second plt attempted to apprehend 2 males and 1 female at XS668835. The woman was apprehended, however the 2 males escaped and directed fire at the plt. The fire was suppressed with SA fire. All ptls returned by 1200 w/o further contact. The Co spent the remainder of the day in prep for future opns.

b. B Co ptls at XS751779, XS775765, and XS795766 returned by 0750 w/o contact. B Co spent the remainder of the day in prep for future opns.

c. C Co ptls at XS735789 and XS713802 returned by 0802 w/o contact. From 1400-1603 a plat from C Co conducted an unsuccessful search for a reported weapons cache at XS691780. 2 detainees and 1 uniform were picked up. The remainder of the Co spent the day in prep for future opns.

d. HHC prov admin/log spt. Recon plat prov security for clearing the MSR. AT plat prov sety for the daily convoy from CU CHI.

e. 1-4/11 Arty remained in spt.

f. 173rd Asslt Helicopter Co, 25th Avn Bn, 1st Bde Avn Det, and 147th Asslt Spt Helicopter Co prov:

C & C	UH-1D	1 sortie
C & C	H-23	1 sortie
Resupply	UH-1D	4 sorties
Resupply	CH-47	1 sortie

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g. 3rd Abn Bn employed 13 sqd ambushes. All returned w/o contact.

h. Engrs clr the MSR and continued const in the Bn base.

29 Jan 67

(1) Concept: The Bn maintains standdown for Opn Farmingdale; conducts tac briefing for elms of 1040. A Co will conduct night saturation pting and prep to be relieved by C-3/7. D Co will conduct night saturation ptl in fcs AO and continue to secure the fwd Co bases on Rt 231. Prep to be relieved of Rt 231 fwd bases off 30 Jan 67. C Co will conduct night saturation ptl and prep to commence Opn Farmingdale. Opn Farmingdale commences at 300720 Jan.

(2) Operations:

a. A Co employed 2 sqd ambush ptl at XS695852 and XS690829. One half of the ptl at XS695852 returned to base with an injured man and the other half joined with ptl at XS690829. There was no contact and all elms closed by 1040. The Co continued base activities with one plat from C-3/7 in prep for phase out and future opns.

b. B Co employed 5 sqd ambush ptls at XS779759, XS793777, XS781789, XS770805, and XS758777. Ptl at XS770805 received ineffect sniper fire from XS765790 at 1912. A hasty ambush was set w/o results. Elms closed w/o further incident by 0753. The remainder of the day consisted of local acty and in prep for future opns.

c. C Co employed 3 sqd ambush ptls at XS724781, XS704790, and XS703808. The ptl at XS724781 observed a VC crawling on his hands and knees at a distance of 150 meters. The VC crawled into a hedgehog and was not sighted again. All ptls returned CCo by 1630 as per CPDOL of the Recon plat cbr the MSR. The remainder of the day was spent in prep for future opns.

d. HHC prov admin/log sgt to the Bn and commenced the initial phasing of pers and eqpt back to CU CHI at 1000. A tac briefing was held for Opn Farmingdale with the bd CO, Col Jemmy, the S3, Maj Colson, and the 3rd Abn CO, Maj Lick, attending. Recon plat prov acty for cbr the MSR. AT plat escorted two resupply convoys from CU CHI to BHH CHNH.

e. A-7/11 Arty fired 22 105 HE and 2 105 JP; Btry displaced to vic DUC HOL.

f. 25th Avn Bn and 147th Asslt Spt Helicopter Co prov:

C & C	UH-1D	2 sorties
C & C	H-23	1 sortie
Resupply	CH-47	1 sortie
Resupply	UH-1D	2 sorties

g. 3rd Abn continued to maintain its fwd bases on the RICH T.M Canal and employed 16 sqd ambush ptls on the night of 28 Jan.

h. Major 2-2/65th cleared the Bn MSR and const an archway in front of the dist command for the Tet celebration.

(3) Civil Affairs: A special Chieu Hoi appeal was broadcast in the AM by 1st CUL DMC, FMFG LTHG, and DA PHOUC utilizing 20,000 NCS cases and 20,000 245-164-67 air delivered in the same areas.

30 Jan 67

(1) Concept: Following a JET air opn and T.C air prep, 4th MNCB and 1 Co 3rd Abn Bn conduct an asslt into 4 LZ conduct S & D, and extract on order.

(2) Operations:

a. A Co employed 2 night ambush ptls at XS690837 and XS-684836. Neither had contact and closed base by 0530. At 0815, A Co landed in LZ 6 at XS641902 with no contact. At 1245 vic XS632908 elms of the Co discovered 919 lbs of med supplies which were airlifted to BHH CHANH by 1430. The Co had no contact and extracted from PZ Alfa at XS638901. The Co relieved of its fwd base on the RICH T.M Canal at 0800, closed CU CHI at 1800 hrs.

b. B Co relinquished OFCON of both fwd Co bases on Rt 231 to B-3/7 at 0800. At 0815 B Co landed into LZ 8 at XS644905 w/o contact and at 0835 observed several VC running between 2 canals vic XS644908. At 0840 a dustoff was off for 1 US WIA resulting from sniper fire from the NE. At 0859 6 cratering charges were delivered at XS642905. At 0913 an airstrike was placed on a canal vic XS611903. One US WIA was sustained from sniper fire and a dustoff was called and off 1040. During lift off the a/ct sustained 1 hit from sniper fire. At 1105 arty fire was requested at XS644913. At 1135 1 VC KIA(BC) resulted from this fire and 1 US 30 cal BAR was captured, 4 reinf concrete bunkers were destroyed. At 1159 arty fired on suspected VC pen vic XS639913. At 1240 a firing psn covered with blood was loc at XS645911. At 1300 4 M-16 Bouncing Betty mines, 1 box of assorted med sup est at 25 lbs, 1 lb of assorted documents and misc web

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gear were captured. At 1405 25 firing pens reported destroyed. At 1535 a 55 gal drum of S. ammo was captured. At 1540, the Co destroyed 2 M-16 Bouncing Betty mines. At 1600 the unit found a Thompson 45 cal sub-machine gun and a US M-1 Carbine at XS640903. During extraction from PZ at XS63904, the extraction a/c received sporadic sniper fire. The unit closed CU CHI by 1800.

c. C Co ppls at XS702789, XS728736 and XS721801 had no contact and closed base by 0505. C Co was relieved of the responsibility of securing the BINH CHANH base at 0600 by Combat Spt Co 3/7. Following an airstrike C Co landed on LZ 2 by 0757 w/o receiving fire. The Co searched in zone at 0930 via XS625397 apprehended a wounded VC. The unit had no enemy contact, was extracted by air at 1657 from XS627892, and closed CU CHI by 1800.

d. HHC prov admin/log spt and continued to phase out eqpt and pers fr BINH CHANH. Recon plst secured PZ at XS717792 to effect the closing of C-3/7 by air into the fwd base on the BINH THAI Canal. Recon plst performed numerous armed veh escort mns. At plst escorted a 4/9 convoy from CU CHI by 1100.

e. A btry from DUC HOA fired 5 WP and 110 HE 155mm rds. A-7/11, from a fwd FSB at DUC HOA, fired 12 WP and 402 HE 105mm rds.

f. US P, the 145th Helicopter Asslt Co, the 145th Path Finder tm, the 1st Bde Avn Det and the 147th Asslt Spt Helicopter Co from PHU LOI prov:

Hvy Bomber B-52 Stratoforts	12
CAS a/c	17
Troop Lift	272
Gunships	16
PSYWAR Broadcast	2
Resupply	2
HEDEVAC	2
Resupply & Cargo Lift	3
Total	326

g. 3rd Abn employed 13 sqd ambush ppls on the night of 29 Jan. The 34th Co conducted normal base activities. The 32nd and 33rd Co continued their security mns via CHO DEH. The 31st Co, after a separate fighter a/c strike on LZ 4 at XS634890, was mistakenly lifted into LZ3 at XS632895 at 0743 w/o contact. At 0745 the Co crossed to canal 4 at XS634896 and commenced its search in zone. At 0900 at XS629904, the 31st Co found 1 VC KIA (BC). At 1300 via XS629904 3 VC were engaged and captured. A US 45 cal pistol, US M-1 carbine and a 9mm pistol were captured at XS629904. 27 indiv foxholes, 6 shelters, and 4 reinf bunkers were destroyed. Extraction from XS633395 completed 1620 w/o incident.

h. 2-1/65th engrs cleared the MSR with sety prov by B-3/7 at 0700. The plst improved the roadway in the BINH CHANH base and completed the archway in front of the compound.

(3) Civil Affairs: Two hr spec surrender instr broadcast over AO Farmingdale. 25,000 Chieu Hoi, 25,000 6th Bn 165A and 25,000 Chieu Hoi delivered AO Farmingdale. S5 3/7 Inf briefed on BINH CHANH ops and given supplies nec to continue ops.

31 Jan 67

(1) Concept: Bn Hqs (-) departs the BINH CHANH base 0800 by armed convoy for CU CHI. Bn assumes local ptl and sety missions in its TCR. Opn Fairfax concludes.

(2) Operations:

a. Co A became the Div base react force eff 1300 and assumed the ptl responsibility in the 2nd Bde TCR.

b. Co B responsible for OP Ann Margaret and the laterite pit. Bn CO would not accept responsibility for Ann Margaret until area was brought up to a satisfactory state of police.

c. Co C prepared to move to B U TRON, attached to 2/34th Armor.

d. HHC continued admin/log spt. HHC (-) moved from BINH CHANH to CU CHI closing the Div base at 1015. Recon plst escorted the convoy from BINH CHANH to CU CHI.

e. A-7/11 moved from DUC HOA to CU CHI and reverted to Div control.

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12. Results

VC KIA (BC)	92
VC KIA (POSS)	110

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Detainees

(A) Doubtful Cases	10
(B) Chicou Hoi	16
(C) Civil Defendant	52
(D) POW	32
Weapons Captured (Small Arms)	48
Explosives Captured (Gren & Mines)	133
Ammunition Captured (Small Arms)	5,316 rds
Documents Captured	121 lbs
Medical Supplies Captured	1,279 lbs
Bunkers Destroyed	437

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13. Administrative Matters:

A. Classes I, II and V were drawn from CU CHI, Class III from SAIGON and Class IV from LONG BINH. Difficulty was experienced in establishing a Class IV account with PA&E initially once this was solved, subsequent requests were processed in positive manner. The only other problem area was the ASR on M79 and M18A1 ammunition. Detailed observation of quantities on hand and restraint of use by the individual soldier was requested. A consolidated mess was operated at Binh Chanh supplying Class I to as many as 5 locations simultaneously. On several occasions "C" rations were consumed due to operations after "A" rations had been drawn for the period. These meals were dropped in accordance with proper meal accounting procedures. During the initial phase of the operation hundreds of detainees were held for days at a time in which case meals were provided for these people. While engaged in joint US/ARVN operation, it became apparent that the Vietnamese units have no capability to resupply needed items for sustained combat. On several occasions it was necessary to provide US commodities in order to complete the operation. This was especially true in regards to Class I and V supplies.

B. Supplies were transported to Binh Chanh by convoy and air. Perishable class I, emergency cargo and repair parts were flown in by CH-47 aircraft. A total of 128 tons of Class I was utilized during the operation. This figure includes approx 2000 lb of ice daily. The bulk of resupply was filled sand bags which totaled 268,000. 2000 of these were sling loaded from Cu Chi to a forward company base utilizing 2 CH-47 sorties. Class III was handled with two 600 gal trailer mounted pods organic to the unit. A total of 36,000 gal Mogas was expended, during operation Fairfax. Class IV included pickets, PSP, lumber, concertina, barbed wire, nails and roofing paper. A total of 145 tons of Class IV was transported into the operational area. Interite was hauled in from CU CHI and LONG BINH during the operation. 2075 cu yds was the total amount utilized. Class V was transported from CU CHI upon request for a total of 11 tons. Class II was handled by the personnel at CU CHI and shipped forward by requesting unit or Battalion controlled transportation.

C. Units carried their basic load of Class V. The S4 forward maintained the remainder of the battalion basic load. One problem area encountered was rats eating wires on claymore mines. TO&E weapons were carried by the troops. One section of the 4.2 inch mortar was displaced and the 106RR was used for convoy security.

D. Maintenance was accomplished in the forward area for ordinance items and signal items were evacuated to Cu Chi. A visit from 725th Maint contact team for small arms helped the battalion maintain weapons in a ready state. Maintenance support for the entire operation was outstanding throughout the period.

E. Casualties were evacuated from the operational area by Dustoff. The Bn surgeon was at the fwd aid station.

F. Transportation was provided by organic vehicles, UH-1D and CH-47 aircraft. VN RMC boats were also used extensively for transportation. These boats were especially useful in transporting bulky cargo.

G. Communications was provided by organic FM and RTT. Bn provided VHF communication.

H. Medical evacuation was accomplished with Dustoff.

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14. Special Techniques

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a. In accomplishing interdiction of VC LOC night ambush pts were initially larger than required to insure success on contact. We were to maintain excessive patrol strength but soon covered twice and three times the area by using squad patrols. This decision was reached after being in the AO four weeks and was predicated on VC strengths, armament and habits. 50

b. Stay behind patrols from platoon night ambush patrols or from bushmaster operations proved highly effective. They were used only occasionally but usually with success.

c. Patrols were periodically transported to the vicinity of the ambush site by helicopter.

d. A thorough briefing of pilots, using aerial photographs, precluded the more time consuming smoke marking of LZ. The few minutes edge provided often allowed effective surprise against the VC.

e. Eagle flights were very effective especially when a small reserve of 2 or 3 slicks were kept aloft to capitalize on capturing fleeing VC who escaped the initial landing. Thorough briefing is required for troops who remain aloft.

f. Hiding by VC in waterways and in densely vegetated adjacent areas was countered by dropping CS grenades from gunships. While this technique was not employed long enough to verify its value, it has definite promise.

g. Large scale company/battalion operations alerted the VC of impending action and consequently they were less fruitful in terms of body count. Nevertheless the detainee count was always high. An efficiently operating interrogation center can maximize exploitation of information provided through the interrogation process.

h. Artillery should always be employed in the more open areas in conjunction with B52 operations, especially when troops will enter the assault objective area immediately after the strike. The time lapse between bomber passes allows time for VC to clear target area.

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15. Commander's Analysis

A. The Mission and Command Emphasis

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Base of understanding of the complex assigned mission is best achieved by a thorough appreciation of doctrine and techniques in FM 31-16, Counter guerrilla Operations, 1963. Additionally, this manual reflects the sequence in which such operations are most apt to occur.

Command emphasis, placed by the CO, 25th Infantry Division (US) and by COMUSMACV, prior to deployment of troops into the area was a welcome catalyst which favorably influenced the enthusiasm of the lowest ranking participants toward successful mission accomplishment, continued interest by high ranking military commanders and from other governmental representatives resulted in sustained interest and in strong motivation for all members of the battalion. This, in turn, generated news media interest whose releases helped to raise esprit of the unit by soldier realization that he was doing something more than ordinarily worthwhile. Needless to say, this command emphasis assured a high priority in combat and combat service support which was enjoyed throughout the operation.

B. Intelligence

FAIRFAX reaffirmed that intelligence is the key to the bag of tricks in such operations. Introduction of the battalion intelligence section, reinforced by Division Military Intelligence personnel and interpreters three weeks prior to troop deployment into the area, was immensely worthwhile. This groundwork in addition to providing a background dossier of intelligence, also served to allow a basis for mutual appreciation and understanding between US and Vietnamese personnel. The lack of adequate intelligence files in the district headquarters pointed out the necessity for compiling such a reference for use by units which might be rotated through that area, proved of great value. The training of participating Vietnamese Police Agency personnel improved gradually. Satisfactory operation was not achieved until a composite team was placed in support of each rifle company. A mutual understanding of techniques of operation in the center must be reached early to preclude friction among participants. For example information gleaned by police interrogators in their routine documentation of detainees must be routed to the military intelligence team. While the solution to this may appear simple, the importance attached to a piece of information by recorders, the subsequent reading by district intelligence personnel, translation and posting of the information, appear to be petty factors but together they are time consuming. It does require a considerable period to reach desired technique of operation. Nor should US personnel in their desire to get the job done by strong initiative and impatient reaction to the more deliberate Vietnamese, offend these allies, as this serves to further complicate an already sensitive situation. Cajoling, tact and time are needed. The interrogation center is highly worthwhile but a detailed and combined SOP is required for mutual understanding and efficiency. Agents, employed by the district S-2 and those of the police forces were too few. This lucrative means of giving information must be expanded, must be controlled in a joint effort and must have easily dispensed funds, over the period of FAIRFAX, agent information did increase in volume and validity.

While ever increasing success was being gained in the Chieu Hoi program I feel that greater publicity to Hoi Chanh, more extensive use of leaflets and aerial psychological broadcasts in support of the program are necessary. Information of caches, routes, assembly areas etc. Provided by Hoi Chanh become increasing reliable and lucrative. Increased attention must be given to the others wanted to desert the VC ranks but they were afraid of consequences or they did not know how to go about surrendering.

Success in operation of the Area Security Coordination Center can be gained by patience and an understanding of the other fellow's problems. The success which this unit enjoyed is in large part attributed to a mutual agreement of troop units. The concept, approved by all members of the ASOC before troops were deployed into the district was followed throughout the operation. Within that agreed upon framework, operations for a subsequent week fell naturally into place without difficulty. Nor was it necessary to disclose detailed plans at those meetings. Request for clearance in advance for air strikes or artillery in other districts of province increases compromise possibility as more individuals receive the advance information.

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C. Combat Operations. **CONFIDENTIAL**

During the last half of the eight week operation approximately 75% of all combat operations were reinforced squad or platoon night ambush platoons. As FAIRFAX progressed the number of night ambush patrols diminished until at the last each company was required to have only three nightly squad size ambushes.

The successful denial of the night to the Viet Cong resulted in their frustration and in attempts to move during daylight. When observed, this was equally disastrous as it allowed artillery and air to be used against them and it increased the contact ratio and the successes of eagle flights.

While aerial photographs were used throughout the operation they were especially helpful in planning eagle flights which had as an objective the rapid sealing of small, relatively inaccessible areas wherein VC were reported to live or operate.

The frequent use of tactical air and helicopter gun ships pointed out the absolute necessity for habitual ground troop use of marking panels.

Contact with the Viet Cong in reinforced company and larger operations was infrequent. When it did occur the VC fought to defend base areas of caches. In such rare instances all haste must be made to destroy the defensive position to allow capture of caches in the base area. Viet Cong survivors of the defensive action usually make their way to close by streams and canals where they hide until the attackers withdraw. In such instances three courses of action are open. Tactical air, CV, 20mm cannon, bombs and napalm can be directed at the target area after the troops are withdrawn to a safe distance. Gunships using 40mm cannon, machine guns and rockets can increase his vulnerability to aerial fire power. A methodical search of the area without employing this fire power is time consuming and most often is not productive. A reinforced battalion heliborne operation into a Viet Cong base area immediately following a B52 strike indicated the desirability of using non delay fuses as the greater portion of bomb destructiveness was apparently absorbed by the saturated of very nearly-irradiated soil. While this operation was highly successful in planning and in execution a greater Viet Cong body count could have been attained by firing VT artillery around the periphery of the target from the outset of the airstrike until the landing of troops, at which time gunships could be given a free fire zone around the outer edges and beyond the target area. In hindsight the use of VT artillery during the airstrike is obvious as there is usually a crack between the waves of bombers.

Combined operations, which have a teaching or example setting objective reflect unity of purpose and are worthwhile if conducted at squad level over a relatively long period of time by the same units. Instilling the offensive spirit of the US Army into Vietnamese ranks is a long term task which requires a better trained Vietnamese junior officer and noncommissioned officers corps.

D. Police Operations.

Population and resources control measures principally used were curfews and road and waterway check points. US troops were habitually sent out with police forces on checkpoint missions. Vietnamese efficiency was thought to be poor as it appeared that questionable individuals were usually able to talk their way out of being searched and when searches were made the large majority were currency and were not essential.

E. Influencing the Population.

The security provided by US troop presence and the repair of roads and bridges were the salient factors in favorably influencing the local population. This opening of routes resulted in reestablishment of bus service, opening of rice mills and the return of a large portion of the people to their homes. MEDCAPS, cultural drama teams, school milk programs, leaflet drops and other such actions helped to influence the people. While respect for the aged and other necessities of society are easily gained in the more populated areas and along secure inhabited routes, small unit soldiers are not inclined to be so courteous out in the distant paddies and away from the beaten track. The treachery of uncertainty follows him until a reasonably firm control over that area has been established. The volunteering of information by the population progressed as time passed and as they became aware that our forces intended to stay.

F. Admin/Log.

In combined operations with Vietnamese forces, impending operations must be announced sufficiently in advance to allow for preparation of food, otherwise US rations must be provided to keep harmony and to derive maximum benefits from the operation.

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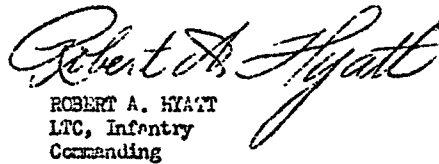
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53 While the coaxing for increased efficiency in the Vietnamese logistics system is of paramount importance to the overall scheme, use of it is avoided and US procured supplies are requested. If the ARVN logistical system is to be employed, operational plans must be announced early to allow for logistical reaction time. This is not desirable as plan compromise is more likely to occur during their relatively extended period.

The universal acknowledgement of speaking the language influences people faster than all the others combined. Troops need learn only a few phrases to achieve success in this area. Soldiers must be made to learn a few of the most often used phrases. Additionally, all officers in the battalion were required to wear ARVN rank insignia on the jacket front. Seeing the familiar brass brought immediate signs of recognition and a smile.

16. Recommendations.

- a. That for such pacification operations the highest echelons of command in the theater provide the necessary emphasis, as was the case in this operation.
- b. That the pacification mission continue to be accomplished at battalion/district level.
- c. That where it is humanly possible allow a single battalion to remain in an area for at least six months.
- d. That quad 50 machine guns and dual 40s be attached to the infantry battalion as opposed to being placed in a support role.
- e. That attention be given to the establishment of SOPs for combined use in interrogation centers and possibly in ASCCs.
- f. That agent networks be expanded.
- g. That police advisory personnel devote more training to search procedures.


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